

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
of the Town of  
**DIGHTON**

**Year Ending December 31, 1975**



**Financial Transactions**  
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## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

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			Term
Board of Selectmen	Address	Telephone	Expires
Edward J. Santos, Ch.	No. Dighton	669-5654	1976
Robert F. Ferreira	Dighton	669-5490	1977
Myrna D. Adams	Segreganset	669-5787	1978
<b>Board of Health</b>			
Robert F. Ferreira, Ch.	Dighton	669-5490	1977
Edward J. Santos	No. Dighton	669-5654	1976
Myrna D. Adams	Segreganset	669-5787	1978
<b>Town Clerk</b>			
Frank R. Rogers	No. Dighton	822-9498	1977
<b>Town Collector</b>			
Frank R. Rogers	No. Dighton	822-9498	1977
<b>Town Treasurer</b>			
Frank R. Rogers	No. Dighton	822-9498	1977
<b>Moderator</b>			
George Ball	No. Dighton	669-5007	1976
<b>Assessors</b>			
Harold Mendoza, Ch.	No. Dighton	824-6177	1976
Howell S. Carr (Resigned 8/31/75)			
Leo T. Pivirotto	No. Dighton	824-4998	1977
Richard Arruda			
(Appt. 10/16/75)	No. Dighton	669-5424	1976
<b>Tree Warden</b>			
Alfred M. Perry	Dighton	669-5461	1976
<b>School Committee</b>			
Charles E. McKenna, Ch.	Dighton	669-5738	1978
Marilyn Mae Lopes	No. Dighton	824-5690	1977
Maynard F. Horton, Jr.	No. Dighton	824-5605	1976
Nicholas T. Santore	No. Dighton	669-5078	1976
Henry D. Descoteaux	No. Dighton	823-3463	1977

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Robert S. McConville, Sec.	No. Dighton	823-1333	1977
Wallace A. Wood, Fin. Sec.	Dighton	669-5515	1978

**Planning Board**

William Costa	No. Dighton	669-5719	1976
Frank N. Alves, Jr.	Dighton	669-5553	1977
Victor Buote	Dighton	669-5069	1978
Jean P. Pelletier	Segreganset	669-5457	1979
Paul Joly	Dighton	669-5304	1980

**Trustees of Public Library**

Wilma Schultz	No. Dighton	822-6644	1976
Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	669-5955	1977
Patrick W. Menges	Segreganset	669-6782	1978

**Playground Commission**

Victor Viveiros, Ch. (Resigned 10/15/75)			
Gary T. Sanson	Dighton	669-6903	1977
Sydney Smith	No. Dighton	823-3500	1976
William A. Ashcroft (Appt. 12/3/75)	Dighton		1976

**Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Committee**

David L. Phillips, Ch.	No. Dighton	824-4458	1977
William R. Benson	No. Dighton	824-0223	1976

**Housing Authority**

Norman LaFrance, Ch.	No. Dighton	822-4700	1976
Frank Costa, Jr., Sec.	No. Dighton	669-5327	1977
Richard S. Briggs, Treas.	Dighton	669-5166	1979
Albert Reed, Asst. Treas.	Dighton	669-2721	1978
Osmond D. Crotty	No. Dighton	824-4522	1979

**COMMITTEES APPOINTED****Finance Committee**

Joseph Pacheco, Chairman  
Henry Bennett  
John Harris  
Clinton Harvey  
Armand Gagne  
William Turner  
Wendell Brechin

**Board of Registrars**

Frank R. Rogers, Clerk  
Anna C. Simmons  
Elliot Hathaway  
Alice Souza

**Board of Appeals**

Frohman Anderson, Chairman  
Joseph Lawrence  
Richard M. Arruda  
William E. Johnson  
Alternate  
Thomas Wynn

**Conservation Commission**

William Frenette, Chairman  
Charles Mello, Vice Chairman  
Henry Burt  
Frances Crawford  
John Evangelho, Jr.  
Walter Miller  
James Digits

**Cemetery Commission**

Earl Hathaway  
Helen Brown  
Elaine Varley

**Historical Commission**

Charles Harris, Chairman



Robert McGuirk, Vice Chairman

Helen Lane

Helen Brown

Dr. Rose Borges

Arthur Staples

### **Industrial Development Financing Authority**

Joseph C. Murray, Chairman	1977
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Frank R. Rogers, Secretary	1979
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James F. Maguire	1978
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Malcolm T. McCutcheon, Vice Chairman	1976
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Russell C. Varley	1980
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### **Advisory Committee on Job and Rate Classification**

Malcolm T. McCutcheon

George P. Silvia

David R. Neeley

Barbara A. Engler

Sandra L. Ferreira

### **BiCentennial Committee**

Helen A. Brown, Chairman

Mrs. Henry Burt

Eunisa G. Wordell

Eleanor C. Roy

Charles W. Harris

Emily Pilling

Robert Ferreira

William Grover

Ellen B. Shaw

Helen H. Lane

Albert Reed

John Ingham

Mrs. Janice Terry

Mrs. Stella M. Horrocks

Marion Harrison

Frank R. Rogers

### **Ration-Fuel Shortage Emergency Board**

Board of Selectmen, Civil Defense Director, Clerk to the  
Board of Selectmen

**Council on Aging**

William Grover  
Mrs. Bella Boucher  
Dr. Rose Borges  
Percy B. Simmons  
Lester H. Lassen  
Mary Perry  
Theodore Ladd  
Isabel Burgmann  
Mrs. Evelyn M. DeSilva (Resigned 7/21/75)  
Ruth Rose (Resigned 9/11/75)

**Local Growth Policy Committee**

Edward J. Santos, Chairman Board of Selectmen  
William Costa, Chairman Planning Board  
William Frenette, Chairman Conservation Commission  
Norman LaFrance, Housing Authority  
Robert F. Ferreira, Chairman Board of Health

**Citizens Representatives**

Myrna D. Adams, Board of Selectmen  
Charles Harris, Historical Society  
Helen Brown, Water District  
Charles McKenna, School Committee  
J. Ford Golsby  
Judith Ferry

**SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS 1975 - 1976**

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Fence Viewers: Howell Carr, Harold Mendoza, Leo Pivirotto

Civil Defense Director: Harold Gracia

Agents to the Board of Health: Leo A. Duffy, Frank R. Rogers

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway

Inspector of Animals: John A. Berger

Secretary to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health:  
Leah B. Crosby

Veterans' Agent: Ralph M. Deane, Jr.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control: Alfred M. Perry

Dog Officer: Antone Katon

Agent to the Board of Selectmen: Leo A. Duffy

Auctioneer: Frank R. Rogers

Town Accountant (3 Yr. Appointment): Doris B. Hopkins

Special Police Officer—B.C.A.S.: James Vieira

Gas Appliance Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Public Weighers—I.C.I. United States Inc.: Alfonse Sollitto,  
Thomas Washington



Inspector of Wires: Robert Bleau

Associate Inspector of Wires: John Gonsalves, Jr.

Industrial Development Financing Authority: Russell C. Varley

Plumbing Inspector: Donald French

Associate Plumbing Inspector: John P. DeCambra

Building Inspector: Maynard F. Horton, Sr.

Constables: Frank R. Rogers, Karl K. Spratt, Jr.

Conservation Commission: Henry L. Burt, Frances Crawford, John Evangelho, Jr., William Frenette, Charles Mello, James F. Digits

Council on Aging: Dr. Rose Borges, Bella M. Boucher, William Grover, Percy Simmons, Mary M. Perry, Ruth E. Rose, Evelyn M. DeSilva, Mary L. Tedford, Francis McDermott, Theodore B. Ladd, Lester H. Lassen, Isabel Burgmann

Historical Commission: Dr. Rose Borges, Helen A. Brown, Charles Harris, Helen H. Lane, Elaine Varley, Robert McGuirk, Arthur Staples

Town Forest Committee: William Andrews, Henry L. Burt, William Harrison, Randall Hopkiss, Charles Leonard

Bridge Tender: Joseph F. Tatro

### POLICE APPOINTMENTS

Chief of Police: Karl K. Spratt, Jr.

Sergeant: Antone R. Katon.

Patrolmen: Jon D. Bettencourt, Thomas M. Ferreira, Alfred Pacheco, Jr., Edward A. Pierce, Jr., Manuel L. Sanson, Jr., Richard A. Souza.

Policewomen: Carolyn M. Booth, Albertine L. Dwyer, Violet M. Horton, Janet B. Simmons.

Reserve Police Officers: Richard F. Babbitt, Manuel F. Botelho, Joseph Cordeiro, Jr., Narmon E. Courcy, Kenneth W. Cummings, Robert L. Duarte, Roger S. Duarte, A. David O'Connell, John Perry, Jr., William A. Rasmussen, Jr., Gary T. Sanson, Richard A. Smith, Ronald R. Whitmore.

Special Police Officers: Frank N. Alves, Jr., William F. Ashcroft, Charles Brooks, Joseph Cordeiro, Cassius W. Cummings, Clayton B. Forgan, Tobias Freitas, Charles E. Gracia, John P. Hunt, Paul R. Joly, Michael A. Koneski, Stephen M. Mendoza, Peter A. Michalenka, Ronald F. O'Connor, George A. Perry, Joseph Pimento, Jr., William S. Raposa, Francis H. Rose, Donald L. St. Pierre, Frank Virdinlia, Douglas R. Fredericks, William H. Guilfooy, Jr., Everett C. Almeida, III, William D. Rose, William E. McKenney, Gilbert H. Garnett, Wayne F. Butler, Walter A. Jones.



## SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

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To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held and Mr. Santos was chosen as Chairman of Board of Selectmen; Mr. Ferreira, Chairman of the Board of Health; Mrs. Adams, Clerk to the Board of Health. Mrs. Leah Crosby was appointed as Secretary to the Board of Selectmen.

This year the Selectmen again, went on summer Schedule whereby meetings were held every other week during July and August. Forty-seven (47) weekly meetings and more than seventy-five (75) special meetings were held with other Town Boards and Committees to discuss and resolve matters of mutual interest.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses as required. All transactions have been properly recorded and the many statutory requirements completed to the best of our knowledge and ability.

All Board members have participated in and attended County Association meetings. Some members attended various governmental conferences on the Regional and State level where and when convenient, in an effort to obtain benefit of experience to better the Town. Hearings and meetings were attended on several matters pertaining to Sewerage, Public Works, Flood Plain Insurance, Bell Farms and Campanelli Property Proposal and other subjects on behalf of the Town's interest.

All appointments of Town Officials and Committees have been recorded with the Town Clerk together with the list of jurors and are contained in the Clerk's Annual Report. The Annual Reports of the numerous Town Officers and Departments as required by law are contained in the 1975 Town Officers Report.

All special committee activities and reports are included in the record of the Town Clerk. All votes and orders of the Town Meetings have been accomplished.



We have been able to aid two (2) industrial plants in Dighton through our Industrial Development Financing Authority. We feel this has proven to be a benefit, not only to industry but to the community as a whole.

Our reconstruction of Maple Street is continuing slowly but steadily. If we continue to appropriate money toward this program as we have in the past, in three to four years this project should be completed.

During 1976, we will undertake to complete another section of our Williams Street project. It was thought that with the monies we had available and appropriated toward this project, we would be able to finish this last section, but the escalating costs of road building materials has eliminated any chance of this happening at this time.

At our Annual Town Meeting in May the Board of Selectmen presented a proposal for a new Town Office and Police Station building. The need for this facility has been known and discussed for many years. With monies that were available we felt that this would be the appropriate time to undertake this project. We knew that there would be a reduction in the tax rate, and the building could be constructed without affecting the rate. Although we received a majority vote of approval, the issue was defeated because of the need of a two-third vote. However, the problem of space and adequate facilities for Town Offices, Police and School remain and will necessitate renewal action in the near future.

After many years of study and having the State and Federal governmental agencies demanding action to be taken toward elimination of our water pollution problems, the Selectmen called a Special Town Meeting in November.

At this meeting we presented a proposal for a limited sewerage system for the Town. We had planned to present a proposal that would have served not only the area where the problem exists, but also a line that would service our school buildings, thus eliminating the one objection to adding additions to our present facilities. This plan was not acceptable to Water Pollution Control and E. P. A. The plan that was presented would service only the North Dighton area at this time. Because of the limited area to be serviced and the costs

to the Town to construct this system, the proposal was soundly defeated. At this time, we are awaiting further notice as to what is expected from us by these agencies.

During the middle of the year we received an offer from the owners of a large tract of land that had been subdivided into many house lots. This subdivision had been a controversial issue from the initial acceptance of the plan. It was felt by the Selectmen that the offer to sell to the Town should be evaluated and studied by all other Boards. Several meetings were held and the consensus of everyone involved was that the offer should be placed on the Warrant for the voters and taxpayers to decide. At the Special Town Meeting in November the proposal to buy this tract of land was also defeated.

For the last two years we have been extremely fortunate in being able to reduce our tax rate. This has been made possible by the dedicated efforts of all department heads and their personnel. We have many problems that will have to be corrected. Also, the ever-increasing costs of town government will eventually necessitate increases to our tax rate, and only through wise and prudent spending can we minimize the impact on the community.

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Selectmen have become increasingly demanding and time consuming over the past year. Not a week has gone by that the Board has not had to meet several times. Meetings and hearings pertaining not only to the everyday operational governmental issues but on regional and state matters that have a direct relationship with town affairs. These issues are of a most important concern to our community and cannot be ignored. They include State Building Codes, Land Use Studies, Water Pollution Control, Home Rule Legislation, Solid Waste Control, Industrial Development, Flood Plain Insurance Requirements and many other movements in which we are actively involved.

How long the Board of Selectmen can continue to handle these duties is questionable. In the near future some thought will have to be given as to the establishment of an Executive Secretary or similar position to assist the Board. However, until such time as this becomes necessary we would request



that anyone who has an interest and a desire to serve on committees or act as the Board of Selectmen's representative at some of these meetings make themselves known at our office.

We express our appreciation and gratitude to the Citizens, Town Officials and Employees for the cooperation in the performance of duty—especially to all Town Employees, we recognize your everlasting loyalty and many services to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. SANTOS

ROBERT F. FERREIRA

MYRNA D. ADAMS

Board of Selectmen



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers for the Town of Dighton was held at Town Hall on March 3, 1975 on warrant dated February 21, 1975.

The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by Frank R. Rogers, Town Clerk. The balloting was under the supervision of the following Election Officers, duly sworn in by Mr. Rogers: Irene Goulart, Warden; Anna Simmons, Helen Atwood, Helen McCarthy, Alice Rogers, Percy Simmons, Mary Perry, Hazel Reed, Alice Souza, Betty Thiboutot, Helen Brown, Bernice Darling and Emily Pilling.

The polls were closed at 8 P.M. The total number of votes cast was 1213; the ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectmen for Three Years—Myrna D. Adams

Moderator for One Year—George W. Ball

Assessor for Three Years—Howell S. Carr

Tree Warden for One Year—Alfred M. Perry

School Committee for Three Years—

Charles E. McKenna

Wallace A. Wood

Planning Board for Five Years—Paul Joly

Planning Board for Four Years—John P. Pelletier

Trustee of Public Library—Patrick W. Menges

Playground Commission for Three Years—Victor Viveiros

Playground Commission for Two Years—Gary T. Sanson

Playground Commission for One Year—Sydney Smith

Housing Authority for One Year—Norman A. LaFrance

VOTED: Licenses shall be granted in Dighton for the operation, holding or conducting a game commonly called Beano.

The Annual Town Meeting held May 5, 1975 at Town Hall was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by George Ball, Moderator. Checkers were Elaine Varley, Anna Simmons, Irene Goullart and Helen Atwood.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to consider recess at 11:30 P.M. until 7:30 tomorrow night.

The following officers and employees were recognized for their service to the Town of Dighton:

Rudolph C. Christenson—Board of Selectmen from March 1966 to March 1975, served as Chairman from 1974 to 1975.

Charles E. French (Deceased 3/15/74)—Dighton Housing Authority First Chairman from March 24, 1971 to March 15, 1974.

Earl C. Hathaway—Highway Dept. from Sept. 1943 to Dec. 31, 1974.

Hans Paulsen—Planning Board from Mar. 31, 1971 to Mar. 3, 1975, Chairman from Mar. 7, 1973 to Mar. 3, 1975.

M. Louise Staples—Dighton School Committee from Mar. 3, 1969 to Mar. 3, 1975.

Caryle Stonstrom—Conservation Commission from Apr. 5, 1972 to May 29, 1974, Chairman from May 2, 1973 to May 29, 1974.

Rosemarie Buote—Conservation Commission from Apr. 5, 1972 to May 1, 1975.

Robert H. Leeming—Council on Aging from Nov. 28, 1973 to March 1975.

Manuel S. Duarte, Jr.—Conservation Commission from March 1968 to April 30, 1974.



(1) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the reports of the Town Officials as printed and published in the Annual Town Report Book be accepted.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Lester Allen that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Clinton Harvey that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of \$80,000.00, the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of \$78,000.00 and the Town Clerk in the amount of \$5,000.00 to satisfy the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 41 and Section 13, Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

(4) VOTED: On motion of William Benson that the Town raise and appropriate \$24,322.96 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the capital expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(5) VOTED: On motion of David Phillips that the Town raise and appropriate \$660,643.81 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(6) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town adopt the following changes to the existing By-Law, Article 4, Section 2:

"No Town Officer or Board of Town Officers having the power or authority to appoint any Town Officer or Agent shall appoint himself or any member of such Board to any salaried office or position; except as it applies to the Board of Health, but this shall not prohibit any Town officer from being Chairman or Clerk of the Board of which he may be a member."

(7) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate, raise and appropriate and transfer under the Public Library Ac-



count, Police Dept., Communication Center Account, Rubbish Contract Account; transfer from Free Cash under the Town Counsel Acct., Board of Health, Playground and Recreation Acct., Memorial Day Observance, Civic Center Maint. Account, Former Highway Garage Maint., Council on Aging Acct., Historical Commission Account, and Tuitions-Education Courses Acct.

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
1. Interest on Loans Account	2,000.00	Frank R. Rogers
2. School Department	984,546.00	Charles McKenna
3. Pub. Library Raise & Appr.	5,571.87	
Transfer St. Aid	1,750.13	
Total	<u>7,322.00</u>	Joseph C. Hathaway
4. Selectmen's Dept.	10,800.00	Edward Santos
5. Town Accountant	9,236.00	Doris B. Hopkins
6. Town Clerk	7,468.00	Frank R. Rogers
7. Town Collector	10,015.00	Frank R. Rogers
8. Town Treasurer	7,460.00	Frank R. Rogers
9. Tax Title Account	1,000.00	Frank R. Rogers
10. Tax Possession Account	100.00	Frank R. Rogers
11. Assessors Account	24,004.00*	Harold Mendoza
12. Finance Committee	45.00	William Turner
13. Elections & Registration	3,565.00	Frank R. Rogers
14. Planning Board	9,135.00	John Pelletier
15. Board of Appeals	300.00	Robert Ferreira
16. Town Office Account	12,743.00*	Robert Ferreira
17. Industrial Commission Acc't	150.00	Myrna Adams
18. Conservation Commission	350.00	Robert Ferreira
19. Town Counsel Transfer F.C.	5,000.00	Myrna Adams
20. Police Dept. Raise & Appr.	11,802.24	
Transfer Rev. Sharing	110,000.00	
Transfer Free Cash	10,000.00	
Total	<u>131,802.24</u>	Karl K. Spratt, Jr.
21. Ambulance Maintenance	3,725.00	Joseph T. White
22. Fire Department	28,760.00	Joseph T. White

23. Hydrant Rental Account	1,740.00	Joseph T. White
24. Insect Pest Control Acc't	542.01	Robert Ferreira
25. Shade Tree Account	500.00	Myrna Adams
26. Care of Town Elms	2,000.00	Robert Ferreira
27. Civil Defense Account	1,750.00	Harold Gracia
28. Dog Officer Account 5/6/75	3,000.00	Antone Katon
29. Communication Ctr. Acc't		
R & A	13,984.00	
Transfer F. C.	10,000.00	
Total	<u>23,984.00</u>	Robert Ferreira
30. Board of Health Trans. F. C.	7,500.00	Robert Ferreira
31. Care of Town Landfill		
Area Acct.	14,000.00	Edward Santos
32. Rubbish Contract R & Ap.	16,433.00	
Transfer Free Cash	10,000.00	
Total	<u>26,433.00</u>	Edward Santos
33. Highway Dept.	100,842.00	Alfred Perry
34. Brush Control	600.00	Alfred Perry
35. Sidewalk Maintenance	1,500.00	Myrna Adams
36. Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,200.00	Robert Ferreira
37. Veterans Account	25,000.00	Ralph Deane
38. Playground & Recreation	5,100.00	Victor Viveiros
39. Memorial Day Observance Acc't		
Transfer Free Cash	200.00	Myrna Adams
40. Civic Center Main.		
Transfegr F. C.	860.00	Robert Ferreira
41. Former Hgwy. Garage Maint.	350.00	Edward Santos
42. County Retirement Acc't	32,670.00	Frank R. Rogers
43. Town Insurance Account	28,638.00	Edward Santos
44. Contributory Grp. Ins.		
Account	20,700.00	Robert Ferreira
45. State Retirement Account	1,000.00	Myrna Adams
46. Council on Aging Acct.		
Trans. F. C.	2,096.00	William Grover
47. Historical Commission		
Trans. F. C.	200.00	Charles Harris



## 48. Tuitions—Ed. Courses

Trans. F. C.	450.00	Edward Santos
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## 49. Cemeteries—Public Property 850.00 Myrna Adams

	<u>\$1,564,231.25</u>
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\*Includes out of state travel

(8) VOTED: On motion of John Harris that salaries of the elected Town Officials as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976.

## Board of Assessors—

Chairman	\$7,500.00
Member	1,600.00
Member	1,600.00

## Board of Selectmen—

(now includes Board of Health Salalries)

Chairman	2,200.00
Member	1,500.00
Member	1,500.00
Moderator	100.00
Town Clerk	3,290.00
Town Collector	4,000.00
Town Treasurer	3,190.00
Tree Warden	100.00
School Committee Secretary	50.00

(9) VOTED: On motion of Nicholas T. Santore that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,433.00 to pay the third and final year lease on the relocatable classrooms used to house the kindergarten pupils of the Town of Dighton.

(10) Motion for a new Town Office & Police Station Bldg.  
Failed to Carry      YES    162      No    130

(11) VOTED: On motion of Karl K. Spratt, Jr. that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,500.00 for the purchase of one new 1975 motor vehicle with acces-



sories and equipment for the use of the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 1973 Police Department vehicle as a trade value in the purchase of the same.

(12) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry amended by Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$10,000.00 to the Road Machinery account for the purpose of maintaing and repairing Highway vehicles and equipment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 and to meet said appropriation the following transfers be made:

Transfer from Road Machinery Fund.....	\$ 787.20
Transfer from Free Cash .....	9,212.80
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

(13) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$1,500.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of rebuilding the motor and front end on a 1966 Ford Dump Truck.

(14) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and borrow in accordance with Section 6A, Chapter 44 the sum of \$27,923.00 for State funds to be used in conjunction with funds allotted the Town and/or County for construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads in anticipation of reimbursement under Chapter 765, Section 4, Acts of 1972.

\$15,000.00	Construction, Reconstr. & Improve. Town Rds.
9,923.00	Williams St. Construction
3,000.00	Center and Main St. Force Account
<u>\$27,923.00</u>	

(15) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$15,000.00 for the purpose of continuing our Highway Maintenance programs for fiscal year 1976 and to meet said appropriation the following transfers be made:

\$ 9,030.00 Transfer from Constr., Reconstr. & Improve.

Town Roads, Art. 25, 1974 Town Meeting  
5,970.00 Transfer from Free Cash  

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\$15,000.00

(16) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,800.00 for Town funds to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads under Chp. 765, Sec. 4, Acts of 1972.

\$4,300.00 Williams Street Constrtuction

\$1,500.00 Center & Main Sts. Force Acct.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the reconstruction of Maple St.

(18) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$35,091.00 received in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1140, Section 20 for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town Roads to Williams Street Constr.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$53,535.00 received, or to be received, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 825, Section 1 of the Acts of 1974 for the construction, reconstruction and/or improvement of Town Roads to the Williams Street construction account and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all contracts necessary or incidental thereto. Said funds to be used with any additional funds that may be allotted by State and/or County.

(20) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town Roads.



(21) Motion for full time firemen—Disapproved.

Recessed at 11:50 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., May 6, 1975 by George Ball, Moderator.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M., May 6, 1975 by George Ball, Moderator.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Frank Rogers that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,400.00 for the purpose of adding one office clerk in the Town Clerk/Collector/Treasurer's Department.

(23) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Helen Brown that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 under the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 911 of the Acts of 1971 for the use of the Dighton Bicentennial Committee for necessary expenses in relation to planned events for our nation's 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

(24) VOTED: On motion of Helen Brown that action on this motion be tabled. (Printing of Real Estate Book).

(25) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 received or to be received from State Grant #364 to the Dighton Council on Aging and in accordance with the conditions of the Grant Award, these funds are solely for the use of the Dighton Council on Aging.

(26) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town appropriate and transfer \$1,172.60, the Dog Tax Refund, to the Pubic Library Acct.

(27) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$600.00 for the purpose of helping to defray the operating expenses of the Rapoza-Knott Post as provided by Chapter 40, Section 9, General Laws.

(28) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$400.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the fiscal year



ending June 30, 1976 the Mosquito Control Work as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

(29) VOTED: On motion of Armand Gagne that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from Reserve Fund (Overlay-Surplus) to the Reserve Account Appropriation in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

(30) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that pursuant to a request of the Conservation Commission the Town establish a Conservation Fund, under Chapter 40, Section 5 (Cl. 51) and that any monies appropriated for this fund are to be used for the purchase of land for conservation purposes.

(31) Motion on Town Contracts Failed to Carry.

(32) Motion on Career Incentive Pay Program Failed to Carry.

(33) Motion on Dog Control By Law Failed to Carry.

(34) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that Action under Art. 34 be tabled. Dog Control Funds.

(35) Motion Failed to Carry on Appropriation for Berkeley-Dighton Community Services Organization.

(36) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$575.00 to pay prior year's bill. of Veterans Account.

(37) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Building Code Board of Appeals for the purpose of hearing appeals pertaining to a Building Inspector's actions in Section 126.8, which will become effective on January 1, 1975. Said Board to consist of five members, one member to be appointed for five years, one member for four years, one member for three years, one member for two years and one member to serve for one year,

and thereafter, each member to serve for five years or until his successor has been appointed.

(38) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town discontinue a Town way under the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 21, namely Hart Street Extension, a section of Hart Street from a point on Williams Street running east for a distance of 4,600 feet, and that the Town no longer be bound to keep the same in repair.

(39) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town discontinue a Town way under the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 21, namely Brook Street Extension, a section known as Audrey Lane, running from a point west of the intersection of Brook Street and Pine Street for a distance of 5,052 feet to its connection with Williams Street and that the Town no longer be bound to keep the same in repair.

(40) NOT PASSED: To discontinue Maple Swamp Road Extension.

(41) Motion to dispose of Former Highway Garage Failed to Carry.

(42) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 Highway Program under the Town Road Program.

(43) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at Public Auction or Private Sale all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(44) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee to dispose of used materials returned to them by sale at Public Auction.

(45) VOTED: On motion of Frank Rogers that the Town



authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(46) NOT PASSED: Motion with various amendments that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Buildings Needs Committee to look into three general department areas; School Needs, Town Office and Police Department and Sewage Needs, and that all existing committees pertaining to building needs be dissolved.

Finance Committee for 1975-1976 was announced by George Ball, Moderator as follows: Henry L. Bennett, John T. Harris, Joseph P. Pacheco, William A. Turner, Clinton R. Harvey, Armand Gagne and Wendell Brechin.

Meeting adjournend at 10.20 P.M.

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The Special Town Meeting held Nov. 24, 1975 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by George Ball, Moderator. Checkers were Elaine Varley and Irene Goulart. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the warrant and that reference be made by article and content.

(1) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$280.00 to pay prior year's bills.

Board of Health—Town Nurse \$280.00

(2) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to accept as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bell of



Swansea, a section of land measuring approximately 174,220 sq. ft. or 3.8 acres, located on Pleasant St. in Dighton. This gift, if accepted by the Town, is donated with the request that it be used for recreation and conservation purposes.

Edward Santos made a presentation of facts for the Selectmen on Articles 3, 4 and 5.

(3) NOT PASSED: Motion by Edward Santos that the Town vote to approve and ratify execution by the Board of Selectmen of the contract with the City of Taunton, dated January 29, 1974, entitled "Contract Between the Town of Dighton and City of Taunton for Joint Use of Taunton's Water Pollution Control Facility and Sewage Collection System," in the form presented to this meeting, which contract is hereby incorporated into the minutes of this meeting.

NOT PASSED: Motion by W. Jones to vote by ballot.

(4) NOT PASSED: Motion by Edward Santos that the sum of \$120,000.00 be appropriated for the cost of engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications for the construction of sewers, sewerage systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities; that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$120,000.00 under G.L. c. 44, s. 7 (22) as amended; and that the Selectmen are authorized to contract for Federal and State aid which shall be spent for the project provided that the total authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid.

(5) NOT PASSED: Motion by Edward Santos that the sum of \$1,680,000.00 be appropriated for the construction of sewers, sewerage systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities and for the lump sum payment of the cost of a tie-in to such services in the City of Taunton; that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$1,680,000.00 under G.L. c. 44, s. 8 (15) as amended, and that the Selectmen are authorized to contract for Federal and State Aid which shall be spent for the project provided that the total authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid.

Robert Ferreira made a presentation of facts for the Selectmen on Article 6 and 7.

(6) NOT PASSED: Motion by Robert Ferreira that the sum of \$202,500.00 be appropriated for acquiring by purchase the following parcel of land for the construction of schools, a town hall, a police station or other municipal buildings thereon; owned by Campanelli, Inc. and located to the east and west side of Milk Street; and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$202,500.00 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 3, as amended.

(7) NOT PASSED: Motion by Robert Ferreira that the sum of \$331,000.00 be appropriated for acquiring by purchase the following parcel of land for the construction of schools, a town hall, a police station or other municipal buildings thereon; this parcel of land known as the Bell Farms Subdivision located to the east and west side of Milk Street; and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$331,000.00 under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 3 as amended.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Attest:

FRANK R. ROGERS,

Town Clerk



# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON—1975

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Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
7	Sarah Lynn Pruneau	Thomas H. & Katherine M. Turgeon Pruneau
8	Mary Anne Murphy	Bruce M. & Joan C. Quinlan Murphy
16	Kelly Jean Rounds	Robert A. & Silvana Margarita Rounds
FEBRUARY		
3	Michael John Arieta	Lawrence B. & Judith A. Mason Arieta
3	Kim Marie Thurber	Raymond C. & Kathleen B. Nobrega Thurber
8	Richard Francis Dellatore, Jr.	Richard F. & Patricia J. Perry Dellatore
8	Heather Jean Souza	Alan C. & Jeana M. Hood Souza
27	Christopher Philip Allen	Thomas E. & Katharine A. Hachey Allen
MARCH		
16	Carla Mary Allen	Joseph B. & Carla M. Bettencourt Allen
APRIL		
2	David Jason Margarita	David S. & Patricia A. LeFreniere Margarita
8	Aaron Mark LaChance	Mark B. & Carol M. Medeiros LaChance
15	Ronald Lee Riley, Jr.	Ronald L. & Beverly H. Parker Riley
19	Nicole Janet LaPointe	William H. & Janet M. DeMello LaPointe
29	Courney Nancy Fisher	Roy T. & Cynthia M. Briggs Fisher
MAY		
17	William Arthur Yelle	Armand J. & Calista J. Oerman Yelle
20	Susan Mary Collins	John B. & Carol A. Driscoll Collins
27	Aaron John Kennon	Irwin & Glynnis Y. Short Kennon
JUNE		
18	Lauren Anne Pimento	Christopher F. & Carol L. Gray Pimento
19	Jennifer Ruth Silvia	William E. & Nancy L. Smallman Silvia
19	Nichole Francis Rich	Alec E. & Barbara J. Motta Rich



25 Kenneth Daniel Skelly  
27 Scott Michael Vincent

Daniel L. & Karen M. Mansfield Skelly  
Robert F. & Carol A. Jones Vincent

## JULY

1 Holly Ann Souza  
2 Shana K. Jestus  
15 Charles Anthony Ferris  
23 Brian Paul Hamilton  
31 Steven John Lacy

Anthony M. & Joyce A. DeMarco  
Souza  
Gene A. & Peggy N. Vickaryous Jestus  
Anthony C. & Anne M. Leonard Ferris  
Bruce W. & Beverly A. Parent  
Hamilton  
Lynwood G. & JoAnne U. Zandi Lacy

## AUGUST

4 Jeffrey Andrew Godek  
12 Aime Beth Kimpton  
14 Jennifer Ann Monteiro  
22 Craig Michael Bradshaw  
31 Megan Elizabeth Adams  
31 Kendra Ashcroft

Walter P. & Louise M. Mendes Godek  
John S. & Marsha L. Ventura Kimpton  
John J. & Emily M. Ferry Monteiro  
Robert S. & Deborah E. Hall  
Bradshaw  
David D. & Patricia A. Meyer Adams  
William A. & Judy Hegeman Ashcroft

## SEPTEMBER

7 Kevin Richard Smith  
15 Matthew Philip Perra  
30 Jennifer Ann Rothwell

Richard A. & Elizabeth A. Lenon  
Smith  
Philip R. & Stephanie A. Rozowicz  
Perra  
Russell E. & Cynthia A. Weaver  
Rothwell

## OCTOBER

9 Nicole Marie Thibert  
10 Jennifer Lee Evangelho  
13 Tara Ann Holt  
16 Keith William Miranda  
22 Michelle Desiree Plouffe  
26 Brian Jeffrey Stone

John N. & Sandra J. Simmons Thibert  
John M. & Carol Ann Charbonneau  
Evangelho, Jr.  
Robert F. & Katherine A. Fennessy  
Holt  
Michael A. & Carol L. Cranshaw  
Miranda  
Leo A. & Lillian E. Imondi Plouffe  
Richard F. & Patricia A. Hopkins  
Stone

## NOVEMBER

1 Matthew David Carr  
5 Samantha Ann Scott  
7 John Edward Williams III  
13 Karissa Lynn Mendoza  
14 Erica Lee Neely

Everett L. & Jane F. Gilley Carr  
Paul J. & Barbara A. Cabral Scott  
John E. & Edith E. Esterbrooks  
Williams, II  
Francis J. & Pamela A. Caras  
Mendoza  
David R. & Janice Litaway Neely

## DECEMBER

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| 5  | Ronald Arthur St. Pierre | Ronald A. & Cynthia A. Martin<br>St. Pierre |
| 17 | Jeremy Richard Smith     | Richard A. & Loretta C. Michaud<br>Smith    |
| 12 | Stephen Joseph Slivinski | Joseph L. & Sharon P. Mendoza<br>Slivinski  |

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON—1975

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**Date            Names**

### JANUARY

- 4   Robert Lazott of Hopkinton and Carol Hope Hamilton of Dighton
- 15   George Pacheco of Taunton and Rose Marie Ortiz of Dighton
- 18   Edward John Chencus of Stoughton and Carol Holmes of Dighton
- 22   Stephen F. Brady of Providence, R.I. and Yvonne D. Sequirea of Pawtucket, R.I.

### FEBRUARY

- 14   George Lehouillier of Taunton and Linda Beaulieu of ton
- 14   James E. Davitt of Fall River and Virginia M. (Scully) Williams of Taunton

### MARCH

- 14   George Lehouillier of Taunton and Linda Beaulieu of Taunton
- 22   Michael Taylor of Rehoboth and Susan M. Corey of Dighton

### APRIL

- 12   Gerald M. Woodbine of Cranston, R.I. and Katherine J. Talbot of Somerset.
- 19   Eric William Perry of Dighton and Debra Jean Silva of Taunton
- 19   Alfred M. Perry of Dighton and Mary F. (Cavanagh) Weekley of Somerset
- 19   Paul F. Flynn of Taunton and Kathleen Silvia of Digh-  
ton
- 26   William S. McCarron of Taunton and Linda S. Malaguti of Dighton



## MAY

- 10 Daniel M. Todaro of Plainville and Nancy J. Alves of Dighton
- 17 Scott Hubbard Carrell of Hanson and Phyllis Elizabeth Dimsey of Dighton
- 23 Michael J. Pelletier of Dighton and JoAnn Arruda of New Bedford
- 24 Stephen C. Vincent of Dighton and Brenda Jean Benoit of Taunton
- 24 Eric H. Olson of Rehoboth and Jeanne F. Rand of Dighton
- 25 Joseph Soares of Dighton and Jacqueline Grant of Middleboro
- 25 Richard S. Merrill of Dighton and Cheryl A. Reposa of Taunton
- 30 Michael James Wilding of Somerset and Joyce Alice Carmello of Swansea
- 31 Gary J. Hartley of Dighton and Rhonda J. Longo of Berkley
- 31 Jeffrey D. Ferrie of Dighton and Marlene Lapre of Dighton

## JUNE

- 3 Edmund Jacinto of Taunton and Nada Milatovic of St. Louis, Mo.
- 6 Daniel J. Furtado of Taunton and Jeanette M. Pierce of Dighton
- 7 Joseph Amaral, Jr. of Fall River and Ann (Vieira) Furtado of Fall River
- 13 Francis W. Smith of Taunton and Brenda Enos of Taunton
- 14 Michael F. Devine of Swansea and Linda M. Costa of Swansea
- 14 Gregoire Jusseaume of Raynham and Donna L. Evangelho of Dighton
- 14 Edward Joseph Hughes of Boston and Brenda Rose of Rehoboth
- 20 Marcel Soucy of Fall River and Elizabeth Wilson of Dighton

- 20 Walter C. Ashley of Dighton and Constance L. (Atwood) Jones of Dighton
- 21 Timothy T. Costa of Dighton and Carol A. Powlowski of Raynham
- 27 Alfred Estrella, Jr. of E. Providence, R.I. and Patricia Pelletier of Dighton
- 28 David G. Borden of Dighton and Rosemary F. Clifford of Dighton
- 28 George C. Laprise, Jr. of Dighton and Suzanne E. Simas of Dighton
- 28 Stephen J. Amy of Little Compton, R.I. and Barbara M. Oehrle of Dighton

## JULY

- 3 Robert Wood of E. Freetown and JoAnne (Howard) Lee of Fairhaven
- 26 Francis J. Leverone, Jr. of Rehoboth and Dorilda M. (Jefferson) Nelson of Rehoboth

## AUGUST

- 2 Armand S. Tessaglia of Providence, R.I. and Kathleen M. Fanjoy of Dighton
- 9 Roger A. Carr of Dighton and Mary E. Turner of Rehoboth
- 16 Thomas E. Watson of Dighton and Sharol S. Roy of Rehoboth
- 16 Russell N. McCarthy of Dighton and Diane F. Alexander of Somerset
- 23 Steven J. Tiplady of Dighton and Doris E. Edwards of Providence, R.I.

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Robert J. Frazier of Dighton and Ann Varnagaris of Dighton
- 6 Alan Welshman of Rehoboth and Carol LaFrance of Dighton
- 13 David Latimore of Taunton and Janice L. Dixon of Taunton

- 13 Kenneth E. Fontaine of Warwick, R.I. and Linda Rose of Rehoboth
- 13 Hugh L. MacDonald of Dighton and Paulette Stott of Taunton
- 19 Joseph P. Canning III of Pawtucket, R.I. and Janet L. Furze of Dighton
- 20 Keith M. Enos of Taunton and Holly R. Dexter of Taunton
- 20 David A. Horton of Dighton and Debra Ann Jones of Taunton
- 26 Peter S. Leite of Taunton and Catherine Ferreira of Dighton

## OCTOBER

- 6 John J. Nascimento of Dighton and Jean M. Cleary of Warwick, R.I.
- 10 Ronald Marsden of Taunton and Rita Seekell of Taunton
- 10 Wayne C. Souza of Dighton and Shirley A. Polillio of Stoughton
- 10 Henry DeJesus Jr. of Dighton and Judith Perry of Taunton
- 10 John Cobb of Dighton and Norma H. (Bowen) Atwood of Dighton
- 11 Herbert S. Maxfield of Dighton and Nancy P. Boler of Taunton
- 11 Dwaine S. Greene of Dighton and Laurie Jo Ashcroft of Dighton
- 12 John A. Zucco of Taunton and Carol A. Fleck (Miller) of Dighton
- 17 John F. Fitzgerald II of Somerset and Phyllis Bradbury of Somerset
- 25 Michael C. Bianchi of Fall River and Mary Ann (Vieira) Cabral of Fall River
- 25 Jeffrey Reed of Raynham and Darleen Carr of Dighton
- 25 Charles G. Brooks of Dighton and Lucy M. (Pimental) Barter of Seekonk
- 30 Brooks Westcott Martyn of Unionville, Ct. and Linda Gail Fortier of Unionville, Ct.



## NOVEMBER

- 8 Bento Medeiros of Fall River and Susana Elizardo of Taunton
- 18 Michael J. Vincent of Dighton and Fawn Heath of Lakeville
- 21 David J. Hersey of Rehoboth and Jody H. Bell of Dighton
- 28 Jeffrey J. Perry of Dighton and Jeanine M. Pelletier of Dighton

## DECEMBER

- 6 Vasco Campos of Taunton and Tracey Woodward of Dighton
- 9 Eduard van Loo of Berkley and Sitris (Tarjali) van Loo of Holland
- 13 John L. Strang of Dighton and Marjorie Corey of Halifax
- 19 Richard Rogers of Fall River and Sharon Mello of Fall River
- 24 Henry Louis Silva, Jr. of Taunton and Jacqueline E. Pacheco of Rehoboth
- 27 Brian Girard of Taunton and Patricia Ann Hutson of Rehoboth
- 27 Mark S. Lee of Houston, Texas and Bonnie E. Dale of So. Easton

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON—1975

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Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
21	Raymond M. Spearin	48	10	13
MARCH				
12	Kathleen R. (Hogan) Brady	61	6	8
15	Lawrence David Rose	48	11	6
20	Annie M. (Coddington) Wetherbee	98	7	23
27	Florence M. Hutchinson	76	10	6
APRIL				
3	Anne (Ludovicz) Zandi	63	2	3
4	Leo Carpenter	45	7	2
4	Mildred W. (Bryant) Fraser	82	6	8
MAY				
1	Catherine Branco	48	—	—
2	James Motta	54	2	1
17	Edward Henry Hancock, Jr.	67	7	7
17	Charles M. Cabral	73	4	2
JUNE				
13	May Talbot Horton	92	7	23
15	Anna M. (Souto) Rose	48	1	19
26	Mary L. (Keenan) Harris	78	10	5
JULY				
3	James Clark Williams	47	2	—
11	Charles Rodney Sandner	54	8	22
29	Roy H. Barker	88	—	21

## AUGUST

13	Malvina A. (Carpenter) Whitmore	72	5	8
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## SEPTEMBER

12	John Moniz Ferreira	48	8	17
14	Edward R. Zagrodney	48	11	14
29	Mary S. (Silva) Teixeira	92	6	4

## OCTOBER

14	Hannah E. (Christenson) Lassen	73	10	—
27	Anna Marie (Francis) Silvia	56	2	17

## NOVEMBER

6	Henrietta T. (Chmura) Darling	59	7	28
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## DECEMBER

11	Margaret P. (Rousie) Boardman	65	8	7
22	Mary (Gonsalves) Francis	76	8	4
26	Oscar Masse	66	—	—
30	Emeline (Coddington) Bradbent	87	6	6



# REPORT ON CEMETERY FUND

## ANNUAL REPORT

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/74	Interest in 1975	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/75
Harriet M. Briggs .....	\$200.00	\$260.46	\$11.78	\$272.24	\$24.00	\$248.24
Submit Babbitt .....	150.00	196.90	9.85	206.75	9.00	197.75
Mary J. Briggs .....	100.00	157.24	7.86	165.10	6.00	159.10
Edgar A. Essex .....	200.00	309.79	14.02	323.81	12.00	311.81
Ebenezer Gay .....	150.00	168.24	8.42	176.66	9.00	167.66
William D. Goff Lot .....	100.00	129.63	6.50	136.13	6.00	130.13
Bliss-Arthur A. Hathaway .....	200.00	273.72	12.39	286.11	12.00	274.11
Nancy C. Jones .....	150.00	215.56	9.76	225.32	9.00	216.32
Dr. A. J. Smith .....	150.00	190.23	9.73	199.96	9.00	190.96
Martha L. Smith .....	50.00	56.58	2.89	59.47	3.00	56.47
Sarah Babbitt Lot .....	100.00	174.78	7.90	182.68	6.00	176.68
Oliver P. Simmons .....	721.00	809.76	40.59	850.35	30.00	820.35
Joseph Gooding .....	142.75	145.85	7.29	153.14	8.50	144.64
Josephine G. Thaxter Lot .....	100.00	123.31	5.57	128.88	6.00	122.88
William Walker .....	250.00	252.91	12.67	265.58	15.00	250.58
Jesse P. Goff .....	100.00	135.52	6.13	141.65	6.00	135.65
George H. Horton .....	100.00	152.95	6.92	159.87	6.00	153.87
E. & J. Lincoln .....	200.00	212.74	9.64	222.38	12.00	210.38
Gilbert Strange .....	300.00	320.46	14.50	334.96	18.00	316.96
Josiah R. Talbot .....	100.00	188.98	9.46	198.44	6.00	192.44

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/74	Interest in 1975	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/75
Emery White .....	200.00	236.94	10.75	247.69	12.00	235.69
Emeline Williams .....	100.00	124.38	6.22	130.60	6.00	124.60
Charles E. Carr .....	500.00	673.02	33.22	706.24	30.00	676.24
Isabelle W. Snow .....	100.00	101.61	5.15	106.76	6.50	100.26
N. Allen Walker .....	150.98	151.24	7.58	158.82	—	158.82
Briggs Lot .....	125.00	128.36	6.42	134.78	7.50	127.28
Joshua Bliss .....	5000.00	6970.97	316.01	7286.98	210.00	7076.98
Bliss-Westcoat .....	200.00	354.94	16.06	371.00	12.00	359.00
David W. Francis .....	100.00	172.63	8.63	181.26	6.00	175.26
Albert F. Goff .....	50.00	50.47	2.59	53.06	3.00	50.06
Elbridge G. Francis .....	200.00	354.09	16.02	370.11	12.00	358.11
George E. Francis .....	100.00	267.16	13.36	280.52	6.00	274.52
Benjamin W. Goff .....	100.00	190.02	8.58	198.60	6.00	192.60
Emerson W. Goff .....	100.00	166.34	8.32	174.66	6.00	168.66
Emphira Goff .....	100.00	150.84	6.81	157.65	6.00	151.65
Truman N. Goff .....	100.00	194.13	8.79	202.92	6.00	196.92
Zenas H. Goff .....	200.00	428.87	21.44	450.31	12.00	438.31
John H. Harlow .....	100.00	141.45	6.39	147.84	6.00	141.84
Alfred A. Horton .....	100.00	144.93	6.56	151.49	6.00	145.49
John H. Horton .....	100.00	164.22	8.21	172.43	6.00	166.43



## CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/74	Interest in 1975	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/75
Nelson Horton .....	100.00	241.16	10.90	252.06	6.00	246.06
Job Paull .....	100.00	208.49	10.43	218.92	6.00	212.92
Robert S. Waterman .....	100.00	157.73	7.89	165.62	6.00	159.62
Etta Westcott .....	100.00	179.09	8.10	187.19	6.00	181.19
Westcott & McNally .....	200.00	282.88	14.45	297.33	12.00	285.33
Francis H. Wheeler .....	100.00	166.54	8.33	174.87	6.00	168.87
Shubel Wheeler .....	100.00	134.63	6.89	141.52	6.00	135.52
Thomas B. Witherell .....	100.00	157.96	7.13	165.09	6.00	159.09
Helen C. Briggs .....	75.00	84.08	3.79	87.87	1.50	86.37
Sylvanus Jones .....	100.00	130.61	5.90	136.51	6.00	130.51
Nathan Walker .....	100.00	108.35	5.40	113.75	6.00	107.75
Wendell Weed .....	100.00	104.50	5.22	109.72	6.00	103.72
Williams Lot .....	100.00	306.11	15.28	321.39	—	321.39
Rufus P. Horton .....	400.00	543.80	27.75	571.55	24.00	547.55
Charles & Mary Olney .....	200.00	270.57	13.81	284.38	12.00	272.38
Asa & Hannah Waterman Lot .....	200.00	265.65	13.57	279.22	12.00	267.22
Charles Osman Gay .....	200.00	224.37	11.23	235.60	12.00	223.60
Smith-Kay Lot .....	500.00	565.24	28.90	594.14	30.00	564.14
SmithBuryingGround .....	50.00	126.23	5.70	131.93	3.00	128.93
Horton-Paull .....	200.00	—	6.78	206.78	—	206.78
Bennett Lot .....	200.00	—	3.47	203.47	—	203.47



## JURY LIST 1975 - 76

Name	Address	Post Office	Occupation
Alberta Babbitt	257 Bedford St.	No. Dighton	Office Clerk
Manuel F. Botelho	2544 County St.	Dighton	Chemical Operator
Richard N. Bump	1593 Old Will. St.	Dighton	Retired
Wendell L. H. Carr	3000 County St.	Dighton	Fork Lift Operator
Marjorie Cartin	2288 Pleasant St.	Dighton	At Home
George C. Carvalho	867 Main St.	Dighton	Gladiola Grower, Semi-Retired
Robert C. Chadwick	307 Forest St.	No. Dighton	Postal Clerk
Rudolph C. Christenson	1906 Elm St.	Dighton	Florist
Albert A. Colp	2515 Horton St.	No. Dighton	Bakery Manager
Gladys I. Colp	2515 Horton St.	No. Dighton	Bookkeeper
Antone Compos	2575 Elm St.	Dighton	Office Manager
Howard C. Conlon	203 Kirk Terrace	No. Dighton	At Home
Gladys M. Costa	683 Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton	At Home
Eleanor Cummings	1788 Elm St.	Dighton	At Home
Richard J. Emery	191 Kirk Terrace	No. Dighton	Manager
Isabelle M. Ferreira	86 Forest St.	No. Dighton	Practical Nurse
Alfred R. Fisher	1971 Elm St.	Dighton	Maintenance Man
Guy M. Fleck, Sr.	1400 Somerset Ave.	Dighton	Mill Oper., Class B
Adrianna Freitas	990 Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton	Electrical Repair
Edward C. French	815 Center St.	No. Dighton	Retired
John Gracia	201 Muddy Cove	Dighton	Retired
Gertrude Gray	1918 Wellington St.	Dighton	Switchboard Oper.
Martina B. Grover	1358 Williams St.	Dighton	Part-time Teacher
Agnes D. Holmes	512 Brook St.	Dighton	Housewife
Kenneth H. Holmes	1148 Cedarwood Cir.	No. Dighton	Retired
Lily Holt	219 Andrews St.	No. Dighton	Housewife
Randall Hopkins	1331 Somerset Ave.	Segreganset	Landscape Gard.
Maurice Jutras	284 Baylies St.	No. Dighton	Test Engineer
Michael A. Koneski	2887 Elm St.	Dighton	Chemist
Robert H. Leeming	1315 Somerset Ave.	Segreganset	Retired
Helen S. McCarthy	235 Bedford St.	No. Dighton	Retired

Name	Address	Post Office	Occupation
William K. McCarthy	235 Bedford St.	No. Dighton	Retired
Janiec R. McClellan	2703 Horton St.	No. Dighton	At Home
Robert D. McKim, Jr.	966 Main St.	Dighton	Lineman, Mass. Elec.
Joseph Moulding	2757 Lewis St.	Dighton	L.P.N.
Muriel T. Murray	2095 Elm St.	Dighton	Housewife
Francis O'Connor	641 School St.	No. Dighton	Electrician, I.C.I.
Paul P. Pappas	1312 Main St.	Dighton	Guard
Leo A. Plouffe	1290 Smith St.	Dighton	Electronic Eng. Supv.
Adele M. Rose	310 Brook St.	Dighton	Postal Clerk
Kenneth G. Rubadou	572 Old Som. Ave.	No. Dighton	Insurance Clerk
Margaret Ann Scully	241 Summer St.	No. Dighton	Housewife
John Silva, Jr.	693 Center St.	No. Dighton	Retired
Florence Louise Smith	2566 Horton St.	No. Dighton	Teachers Aide
Raymond J. Sousa	2815 Pleasant St.	Dighton	Operating Engineer
Thaddeus Swakon	192 Forest St.	No. Dighton	Machinist
William L. White	225 Chase St.	No. Dighton	Postal Clerk
Mary R. Wolfenden	1160 Briggs St.	No. Dighton	At Home
Clifford A. Wood	2619 Wellington St.	Dighton	Assoc. Prof. of Eng.
Ralph A. Woodward	252 Pearl St.	No. Dighton	Jr. Project Adm.

## JURORS DRAWN IN 1975

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January 6, 1975

Gordon E. James, 1836 Elm St., Mgr.

January 22, 1975

Frank R. Costa, Jr., 1841 Elm St., Sr. Cost Accountant

Fred Rebello, 306 Forest St., Retired

Allan C. Fanjoy, 405 Main St., Time Study Engineer

February 5, 1975

Martha M. Hopkins, 1333 Somerset Ave., Seg., Assembler

March 2, 1975

Janice Ruth McClellan, 2713 Horton St., At Home

Sylvester Vilela, 451 Tremont St., Plant Mgr.

March 20, 1975

Joseph E. Hathaway, 463 Hart St., Civil Engineer

April 16, 1975

Bernice L. Botelho, 2544 County St., Housewife

Lucy Mendoza, 1971 Elm St., At Home

May 14, 1975

Y. Geraldine Berube, 204 Pearl St., Housewife

September 17, 1975

Paul P. Pappas, 1312 Main St., Guard

George C. Carvalho, 867 Main St., Gladiola Grower

Albert A. Colp, 2515 Horton St., Bakery Manager

John Silvia, Jr., 693 Center St., Retired

Francis C. O'Connor, 641 School St., Electrician

October 15, 1975

Leo A. Plouffe, 1290 Smith St., Electronic Eng. Supr.

Kenneth H. Holmes, 1148 Cedarwood Circle, Retired

November 12, 1975

Alberta Babbitt, 257 Bedford St., Office Clerk



December 10, 1975

Guy M. Fleck, 2095 Elm St., Mill Operator

Ralph A. Woodward, 252 Pearl St., Jr. Project Admin.

Manuel F. Botelho, 2544 County St., Chem. Opr.

Maurice Jutras, 284 Baylies St., Test Engineer

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Balance in Treasury, June 30, 1974	\$ 647,367.28
Total Receipts June 1975—General Cash	5,283,565.79

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\$5,930,933.07

Selectmen's Warrants June 1975	\$5,080,748.91
Balance in Treasury June 1975	850,184.16

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\$5,930,933.07

### REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Balance in Treasury June 1974	\$ 96,004.41
Funds Received June 1975	420,265.00
Invested Funds Interest Received	3,963.01

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\$ 520,232.42

Total Warrants June 1975	\$ 477,437.10
Balance in Treasury June 1975	42,795.32

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\$ 520,232.42

See Town Accountant's Report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

FRANK R. ROGERS,  
Town Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1974-75
Real Estate						
Commitment						
Outstanding 6/30/74			\$2,151.73	\$9,276.14	\$20,898.36	\$1,276,332.46
Added Interest			190.94	711.28	719.95	934.68
Demands			8.00	11.00	57.00	39.00
Refund Abatements					910.15	1,824.54
Adv. Costs			7.20			
			<u>2,357.87</u>	<u>9,998.42</u>	<u>22,585.46</u>	<u>1,279,130.68</u>
Paid Treasurer			1,914.57	8,235.13	17,637.60	1,196,125.46
Abatements			100.10	118.30	1,887.10	58,936.23
Tax Titles			143.00	33.80	308.95	606.80
Balance Due 6/30/75			<u>200.20</u>	<u>1,611.19</u>	<u>2,751.36</u>	<u>23,462.19</u>
			<u>2,357.87</u>	<u>9,998.42</u>	<u>22,585.46</u>	<u>1,279,130.68</u>
Personal Property						
Commitment						
Outstanding 6/30/74				388.70	192.05	175,076.56
Added Interest				22.53		30.72
Demands				1.00		9.00
				<u>412.23</u>	<u>192.05</u>	<u>175,116.28</u>

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	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1974-75
Paid Treasurer Abatements				161.53		172,824.38
Balance Due 6/30/75				250.70	192.05	1,143.90
				<u>412.23</u>	<u>192.05</u>	<u>1,148.00</u>
						175,116.28

<b>Motor Vehicle Excise</b>						
Outstanding 6/30/74	\$79.28	\$682.38	3,703.75	10,253.68	42,093.22	
Commitments				18,717.56	126,957.24	82,936.54
Added Interest		2.08	68.39	90.16	58.08	
Demands		3.00	47.00	180.00	476.00	21.00
Refund Abatements			77.56	305.07	1,350.64	130.07
	<u>79.28</u>	<u>687.46</u>	<u>3,896.70</u>	<u>29,546.47</u>	<u>170,935.18</u>	<u>83,087.61</u>

Paid Treasurer Abatements		17.46	1,179.88	18,398.84	144,726.95	54,135.57
Balance Due 6/30/75	38.03	115.23	2,276.92	6,399.73	19,785.18	5,706.98
	<u>41.25</u>	<u>554.77</u>	<u>439.90</u>	<u>4,747.90</u>	<u>6,423.05</u>	<u>23,245.06</u>
	<u>79.28</u>	<u>687.46</u>	<u>3,896.70</u>	<u>29,546.47</u>	<u>170,935.18</u>	<u>83,087.61</u>

Dighton Water District—Real Estate

Commitment						84,399.22
Outstanding 6/30/74			435.00	1,219.55	1,775.68	
Added Interest			41.01	120.51	66.97	73.17
			9.00	15.00	45.00	22.00

Demanded



	1972	1973	1974	1974-75
Refunds				
Adv. Costs	4.80		21.00	73.00
	<u>489.81</u>	<u>1,355.06</u>	<u>1,908.65</u>	<u>84,567.39</u>
Paid Treasurer	330.61	1,173.70	1,537.02	82,135.04
Abatements				28.32
Tax Titles	151.20		41.25	53.10
Balance Due 6/30/75	<u>8.00</u>	<u>181.36</u>	<u>330.38</u>	<u>2,350.93</u>
	<u>489.81</u>	<u>1,355.06</u>	<u>1,908.65</u>	<u>84,567.39</u>
Dighton Water District—Personal Property				
Commitment				9,109.17
Outstanding 6/30/74		4.65	2.25	
Interest				3.08
Demands				6.00
		<u>4.65</u>	<u>2.25</u>	<u>9,118.25</u>
Paid Treasurer				8,993.00
Abatement				69.49
Balance Due 6/30/75		<u>4.65</u>	<u>2.25</u>	<u>55.76</u>
		<u>4.65</u>	<u>2.25</u>	<u>9,118.25</u>
Dighton Electric Light District—Real Estate				
Commitment				5,311.81
Outstanding 6/30/74		104.74	145.83	

	1973	1974	1974-75
Added Interest			3.15
Demands	12.39	5.81	15.00
Refunds	9.00	28.00	6.44
	<u>126.13</u>	<u>182.16</u>	<u>5,336.40</u>
Paid Treasurer	102.80	153.49	5,174.54
Abatement		3.60	1.92
Tax Titles		.18	.32
Balance Due 6/30/75	<u>23.33</u>	<u>24.89</u>	<u>159.62</u>
	<u>126.13</u>	<u>182.16</u>	<u>5,336.40</u>
Dighton Electrick Light District—Personal Property			
Commitment			703.56
Outstanding 6/30/74	.54	.27	
Added Interest			.24
Demands			5.00
	<u>.54</u>	<u>.27</u>	<u>708.80</u>
Paid Treasurer			703.00
Abatement			3.96
Balance Due 6/30/75	<u>.54</u>	<u>.27</u>	<u>1.84</u>
	<u>.54</u>	<u>.27</u>	<u>708.80</u>

	1973	1974	1974-75
North Dighton Fire District—Real Estate			
Commitment			
Outstanding			11,501.10
Added Interest	36.50	118.50	
Demands	3.79	3.14	7.26
Refunds	2.00	11.00	5.00
	<u>42.29</u>	<u>132.64</u>	<u>14.81</u>
			<u>11,528.17</u>
Paid Treasurer	42.29	128.14	11,438.02
Balance Due 6/30/75	<u>42.29</u>	<u>4.50</u>	<u>90.15</u>
		<u>132.64</u>	<u>11,528.17</u>
North Dighton Fire District—Personal Property			
Commitment			
Added Interest			833.70
			<u>.04</u>
			<u>833.74</u>
Paid Treasurer			832.54
Abatement			1.20
			<u>833.74</u>



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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Our report to the citizens of Dighton for Fiscal year 1976 is as follows:

### II. LOCAL EXPENDITURES

A. Total Appropriations \$2,480,168.42

B. Special Education, 1972, Ch. 766

(This is included in school appropriations)

C. Other Local Expenditures

Total Offsets 8,532.53

Public Libraries \$ 1,750.13

School lunch program \$ 6,782.40

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Total of A, B and C \$2,488,700.95

### III. STATE ASSESSMENTS

1. Total county tax and state assessments \$146,916.34

2. County tax and county hospital assessments 104,252.44

3. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 42,663.90

IV. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS \$ 104,252.44

V. OVERLAY 97,133.31

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VI. GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$2,732,750.60

(Total of Parts II through V, Enter in Part 1, Line 1)

### VII. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1. Total estimated receipts from state \$686,740.98

2. Prior years overestimates state and county 7,618.54

3. Local estimated receipts 218,793.00

4. Available funds 369,143.53

5. Available funds to reduce the tax rate

6. Total of Lines 1 through 5 \$1,282,296.05

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\$1,450,454.55

## TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

## I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

1. Gross Amount to be Raised (from Part VI)		\$2,732,750.60
2. Estimated Receipts and Available Funds (from Part VII, Line 6)		1,282,296.05
3. Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation (Subtract Line 2 from Line 1)		<u>1,450,454.55</u>
4. Real Property Valuations	\$8,210,071.	
5. Personal Property Valuations	1,208,465.	
6. Total Property Valuations (add Line 4 and Line 5)	<u>9,418,536.</u>	
7. Tax Rate (divide Line 3 by Line 6, multiply by 1000)		154.00
8. Real Property Tax (multiply Line 4 by Line 7)		1,264,350.94
9. Personal Property Tax (multiply Line 5 by Line 7)		<u>186,103.61</u>
10. Total Taxes Levied on Property (add Line 8 and Line 9)		<u>\$1,450,454.55</u>

## DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$ 139,207.75	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in '75	35,234.69	
Overlay	4,392.91	
Amount to be raised	<u></u>	\$178,835.35
Estimated receipts	40,000.00	
Transferred from available funds	35,234.69	
Total Estimated Receipts		75,234.69
Net amount to be raised by taxes		103,600.66
Value of Personal Property	567,968.00	
Taxes on Personal Property		10,507.42
Value of Real Estate	5,032,067.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		93,093.24
Total Valuations	<u>\$5,600,035.00</u>	
Total Taxes		\$103,600.66

TAX RATE \$18.50 per M



**DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT**

Appropriation	\$ 10,654.00	
Overlay	688.94	
Amount to be raised		\$11,342.94
From Savings Account to reduce Rate	2,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		2,000.00
Net Amount to be raised by taxes		9,342.94
Value of Personal Property	495,278.00	
Taxes on Personal Property		1,139.14
Value of Real Estate	3,566,869.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		8,203.80
Total Valuation	\$4,062,147.00	
Total Taxes		\$9,342.94

TAX RATE \$2.30 per M

**NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT**

Appropriations	\$ 39,283.50	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in 1975	5,500.00	
Overlay	1,151.97	
Amount to be raised		45,935.47
Estimated Receipts	23,304.00	
Transferred from available funds	5,500.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		28,804.00
Net Amount to be raised by taxes		17,131.47
Value of Personal Property	167,650.00	
Taxes on Personal Property		1,341.20
Value of Real Estate	1,973,784.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		15,790.27
Total Valuation	\$2,141,434.00	
Total Taxes		\$17,131.47

TAX RATE \$8.00 per M

If you have followed previous years reporting, you will notice a slight departure from the usual format for the town. Reporting for the districts remain unchanged.



The form used in submitting the recap sheet for tax rate approval has been changed, therefore felt it would be more appropriate if we submitted the new method of reporting appropriations, receipts and the Tax Rate summary.

Total appropriations exceeded the previous year by \$286,634. but we were fortunate to have had increased receipts plus a substantial increase in new values and were able to reduce our tax rate by \$10.00. This rate reduction is the third consecutive decrease we have had in the past 2½ years.

The districts, however, had slight increases as follows. Dighton Water district increased their rate \$.80, No. Dighton Fire District increased \$2.00 and the Electric Light District increased \$.60. Considering rising costs in all areas these increases were minimal and reflected great restraint in their spending.

As you all know we underwent revaluation and our report last year indicated implementation would be in fiscal '76, yet we had deferred this implementation until fiscal '77. We still have some problems and as of this writing they remain unanswered. Briefly, the revaluation firm that did our appraisals has filed bankruptcy and we are legally involved with the bonding company to secure defense of the new values if we should have any appeals against us with the tax appellate board. As we go to press on this report we have every indication that our revaluation will be implemented for fiscal '77 beginning July 1, 1976.

Assessor Howell S. Carr has taken early retirement after more than 30 years of employment with the town and served this office for more than 18 years. His contribution to this office and the citizens of Dighton for his many years of dedicated service will long be remembered. We wish him continued health and happiness in his retirement.

Dighton continues to enjoy a favorable tax base with taxes considered well below the average for our area.

We wish to express our thanks for the fine cooperation we have received from all town departments during this past

year. Our thanks also to the citizens for their support and look forward to serving you further in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. MENDOZA, Chairman

LEO T. PIVIROTTI

RICHARD M. ARRUDA

Board of Assessors

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Board of Selectmen:

As required by Section 42 of Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Dighton Fire Department.

The Fire Department answered 318 calls during 1975, including 204 Ambulance calls found listed in the Annual Ambulance Report.

A breakdown of Fire Calls is as follows:

10—Accident Cleanup	1—Gasolene Pump
1—Assist Police	5—Grass
1—Arson	2—Industrial
5—Automobile Fire	1—Investigation
1—Automobile Recovery	1—Mutual Aid (out)
2—Boat	8—Needless
4—Bomb Scare	1—Oven
15—Brush	4—Power Failure
1—Cat in tree	3—Public Service
6—Chimney	6—Pump Cellar
2—Debris	2—Rescue
4—Dump	6—Standby (regular)
10—Dwelling	5—Standby (storm)
2—False	1—Truck
1—Fumigation	2—Unpermitted Burning
1—Garage	

Approximate figures of Materials and Equipment used:

Water from Booster Tanks .....	39,435 gallons
Booster Hose .....	14,350 feet
1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " Forestry Hose .....	2,900 feet
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fire Hose .....	2,700 feet
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fire Hose .....	2,350 feet
Ladders Used .....	284 feet
Smoke Ejector .....	8
Chimney Sweep .....	6



## Permits Issued:

4—Blasting	3—Model Rocket
1—Fireworks Display	47—Oil Storage
4—Gasolene Storage	185—Open-air Burning

The following is a list of Call Firefighters on the Official Roster of the Department as of 31 December, 1975:

Allen, Joseph B.	Katon, John
Allie, Jeffrey J.	Lavigne, George
Amarillo, William	Lindo, Gary E.
Ashcroft, William	Mason, Charles, Jr.
Atwood, Herbert	Motta, Russell J.
Babbitt, Beth E.	O'Connell, A. David
Ball, George W.	Pavao, Manuel
Bettencourt, Jon	Perry, James H.
Botelho, Manuel P.	Perry, Joseph, Jr.
Bouchard, Leo J.	Perry, Roger
Bradbury, Paul W.	Perry, Wayne A.
Brightman, Alan B.	Pimental, Ronald J.
Burr, Robert G.	Plunkett, George W.
Carr, Howell, Jr.	Reed, Albert
Costa, Raymond J.	Richardson, Charles
Costa, Timothy	Rines, Philip H., Sr.
Deane, Ralph M.	Rivet, Richard
Dermody, Robert B.	Rose, Francis
Dupont, David	Rose, Gilbert, Jr.
Ferry, William R.	Sears, Charles, Jr.
Fleck, Joseph W.	Sherman, Robert B.
Fleming, Michael G.	Siedentopf, Bruce
Fleming, William, Sr.	Silvia, Alvin
Fournier, Normand R.	Silvia, Edward
Gailes, Joseph R.	Spratt, Karl, Jr.
Garnett, Gilbert H.	Staples, Arnold F.
Harwood, Michael J.	Strange, Ellis, Jr.
Horton, Maynard, Jr.	Torres, Peter K.
Horton, Maynard, Sr.	Waller, Greg J.
Jutras, Maurice	Waller, Joseph, Jr.
Katon, Antone	Waller, Keith E.

Members of the Department attended a training seminar again this year. The seminar is provided by the joint efforts of the Bristol County Fire Chief's Association and the Bristol County Forest Wardens and Firefighters Association. The two day seminar was held in the Town of Norton under the direction of Fire Chief George F. Burgess with Drill Instructors from many of the Towns in Bristol County.

In January, the Department put into service its second 1000 GPM Pumping Engine. Engine Six (6) is housed at the North Station and has performed satisfactorily. Funds for this Engine were provided by vote at the Annual Town Meeting in March of 1973.

The Fire Department now has seven (7) Firefighters who have passed both the State and Federal Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance (E.M.T.A.) Course. Jeffrey J. Allie, Beth E. Babbitt, George W. Ball, Manuel F. Botelho, Raymond J. Costa, Gilbert H. Garnett and A. David O'Connell must be congratulated for this achievement. One other Firefighter is now enrolled in a E.M.T.A. course of study at Truesdale Hospital in Fall River, Mass. and should complete his course early in March, 1976.

The members of this Fire Department have done more than their share in an effort to continue ambulance service for the people of Dighton. The Town has not supported my efforts to provide manpower to keep this service going, so I have asked the Selectmen to relieve the Fire Department of the Ambulance, but, to date, no reply has come from that Office. A meeting has been requested with the Selectmen to discuss what action may be necessary to continue or eliminate this service.

I wish to thank the Officers and Members of the Fire Department for their outstanding help during the past year. I also thank the Town Officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WHITE,

Chief of the Fire Department



## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my police report for the year ending December 31, 1975.

ARRESTS: Motor Vehicle Violations (19); B&E in the N/T (7); B&E in the D/T (2); Larceny of a boat (7); Attempted Larceny (2); Larceny of a Motor Vehicle (1); Larceny Over (6); Uttering Forged Instrument (3); Kidnapping (1); Rape (1); Assault and Battery (2); Assault and Battery with a dangerous weapon (2); Possession of Class D substance (4); Possession of Burglarious tools (1); Uttering threats (1); Default Warrants (2); Protective Custody (8).

SUMMONS AND WARRANTS SERVED: (75)

COMPLAINTS: (1,083)

REQUESTS: (865)

Investigations (228); Accidents (159); Vandalism (84); Stolen Motor Vehicles (19); Stolen Motor Vehicles Recovered (25); Bomb Scares (10); Larceny Under (25); Larceny Over (35); B/E in the N/T (13); B/E in the D/T (23); B/E in a business (7); Missing Persons (23); Missing Persons Found (23); Attempted B/E (9); Property Recovered (13); Attempted Larceny (6); Assault & Battery (3); Attempted Suicide (1); Hunting Accident (1); Armed Robbery (2).

PERMITS GRANTED: Firearms I.D. Cards (388); License to Carry (84); License to Sell (3); Parking Violations (7).

During 1975 one officer attended Basic Training School. Two officers attended Rape Investigation School. The post of Detective Sergeant was created in September, for a six months trial period. In October Det. Manuel L. Sanson, Jr. retired for reasons of illness. He was a very dedicated officer and will be greatly missed.



Safety programs were presented to the Kindergraten and Elementary School and various local groups. A Narcotics Program was presented to fifth grade students and parents. Our local Businessmen's Club and Police Association once again sponsored our Drug Essay Contest. Savings bonds donated by the two groups were presented to the winners. The Poster Contest prizes were donated by Quintal Burial Vault Co. and Princess House. We would not be able to present these various programs without the assistance of the people mentioned above or the time donated by members of this Department.

A new cruiser was purchased and all necessary equipment installed in it.

I wish to thank the members of this department, Town Officials, Townspeople and the State Police for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

KARL K. SPRATT, JR.,  
Chief of Police

## PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1975.

Total circulation of books and periodicals	22,838
Adult books	14,050
Juvenile books	7,640
Periodicals	1,148
Number of persons using the reading room	1,120
Collected in fines	\$83.02

The plan for renovating the basement into a children's room is well underway. Light panelling on the walls and green and gold carpeting have been installed, as well as fluorescent lighting. Tables of various sizes and chairs of different colors have arrived. We are anxiously awaiting bookcases which will complete the whole project. Already several films and story hours have been conducted in this area.

I attended a reference course given under the auspices of the Eastern Regional Library System. Every library represented was given three hundred and seventy-five dollars worth of reference books under the Library Service Construction Act.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY C. PILLING,

Librarian

## REPORT OF SANITATION INSPECTOR

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To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of inspections made by me in 1975.

Sewage Permits	32
Food Service Permits	23
Soil Tests	48
Gas Inspections	21

During the year a number of complaints of sewage, housing and nuisances were investigated and appropriate action taken to eliminate any health hazards or attain compliance with Public Health codes.

To the Board of Health, I give my thanks for their cooperation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. DUFFY, R.S., C.H.O.,  
Sanitation Inspector



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

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There were one hundred sixty-seven (167) building permits granted in 1975. There were four (4) permits that were granted extensions due to problems with buildings. There will be twenty-five (25) permits that have not been completed which will go into 1976. Ten (10) of them are new houses, the rest are repairs.

Several complaints were investigated most of them were reported without much thought given to them and didn't amount to anything.

The directives given to the local inspector by the State the first of 1975 have nearly been completed.

Our schools are in fair condition with a few minor things to be corrected. These inspections were made with State Inspector, Mr. Paul Hogan.

Some churches have been inspected. There are three (3) more to be completed.

All new pools have met the safety code and have been given their certificates. I have checked some of the old pools and they have passed inspection. Certificates have been issued to them. There are many more to be completed in 1976. The fee for these inspections, with the certificate is \$5.00.

I wish to thank all town officials for their help in 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYNARD F. HORTON, SR.,  
Building Inspector

## PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED IN 1975

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The following permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen:

**Building Permits:**

New Houses	16	Plumbing Permits	69
Garages	10	Sanitation Permits	32
Swimming Pools	10	Sausage Permit	1
Miscellaneous	83	Garbage Permit	1
Additions & Alterations	34	Rubbish Permit	1
Demolishing	14	Gas Storage Permits	5
Gravel Permits	11	Electrical Permit	29

The following Licenses were issued:

**All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses:**

Common Victualler	4	Oyster Privilege	1
Retail Package Store	2	Wine & Malt	1
Motor Vehicle Licenses:		Temporary Beer & Wine	40
Class I	1	Class III	2
Class II	10	Lord's Day Sale	7
Denatured Alcohol	3	Lord's Day	
Auctioneer	3	Entertainment	40
Food Service		Oleomargarine	6
Establishment	23	Milk, Store	5
Camps, Cabins, Motels	2	Milk, Vehicle	7
Common Victualler (Food)	7	Junk Collector	1

Permission to conduct dog racing was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. for August 29, 1975 through December 1, 1975; to Rehoboth Fair, Inc. from August 29, 1975 through September 8, 1975.

Permission was issued to Frohman Anderson to conduct Auto Cross Time Trails at the former Nike Site, Sharp's Lot Road on nine (9) Sundays during the year 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

LEAH B. CROSBY,

Secretary to the Board



## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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To the Citizens of Dighton:

The resignations of Rosemarie Buote and Manuel Duarte, Jr. were submitted and regretfully accepted by the Conservation Commission this past year. James Digits was appointed and Frances Crawford was elected Secretary.

Officers will retain their positions for 1976 - 1977.

Regular meetings of the Conservation Commission are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. During the past year, in addition to the regular meetings, many public and special meetings were held. Board members have participated in and attended various out-side meetings with 4-H groups, other Conservation Commissions, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, etc.

A new program is being undertaken by the Conservation Commission this year. A youth education program is in the process of being organized, enlisting the aid of the Massachusetts 4-H Department.

We would like to thank all the Town Officials for their help and cooperation throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM FRENETTE, Chairman

CHARLES MELLO, Vice Chairman

FRANCES CRAWFORD, Secretary

HENRY BURT

JOHN EVANGELHO, JR.

JAMES DIGITS



## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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Mr. John Pelletier and Mr. Paul Joly were duly elected as members of the Planning Board. The Board was reorganized as follows:

William Costa .....	Chairman
Frank Alves, Jr. ....	Vice Chairman
John Pelletier .....	Secretary
Victor Buote .....	Member
Paul Joly .....	Member
Representative to SRPEDD .....	Paul Joly

One subdivision was rescinded this year. The Board actively worked on Flood Plain Zoning for the Town. Board members attended many meetings concerning the town and regional planning.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM COSTA

FRANK ALVES, JR.

JOHN PELLETIER

VICTOR BUOTE

PAUL JOLY

## REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

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To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Dighton:

There has been a decrease in the number of recipients of benefits from this department. This is mainly because the Social Security Administration is now making available benefits to persons over the age of sixty-five who were in prior years not eligible.

The program of Veterans Benefits is controlled on the local level and is funded on an equal basis by the town and state. Veterans and their dependents are eligible to apply through this office. The Veterans Agent is available at the Town Hall on Wednesdays evenings.

The Veterans Services is a liason between the veterans and dependents and the Veterans Administration. During the past year we have assisted many in filing applications for benefits through the Veterans Administration.

The fine cooperation of Town Officers and personnel at the Town Office is gratefully acknowledged.

Appreciation is expressed to the Commissioner of Veterans Services and personnel at the State Department.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH DEANE, JR.,

Veterans Agent

## AMBULANCE REPORT

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To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the Annual Report for the Town Ambulance for the year ending 31 December, 1975.

The Fire Department answered 204 Ambulance calls during 1975, as follows:

TO:

- 118—Morton Hospital, Taunton, Mass.
- 3—St. Ann's Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 17—Truesdale Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 9—Union Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 1—P. B. Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- 1—Sturdy Hospital, Attleboro, Mass.
- 1—Carney Hospital, Dorchester, Mass.
- 2—V.A. Hospital, Brockton, Mass.
- 1—Mass. General Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- 1—V.A. Hospital, Providence, R.I.
- 2—St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton, Mass.
- 2—N. E. Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
- 4—Dighton Nursing Home, Dighton, Mass.
- 8—Wedgemere Nursing Home, Taunton, Mass.
- 1—Forest Manor Nursing Home, Middleboro, Mass.
- 1—Island Terrace Nursing Home, Lakeville, Mass.
- 1—Doctor's Office, Taunton, Mass.
- 5—Home, Dighton, Mass.
- 22—Ambulance Not Needed.
- 4—D. O. A.
- 24—Oxygen Used.
- 191—Patients Handled.

I again wish to thank the members of the Dighton Fire Department who have manned the Ambulance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WHITE,

Chief of the Fire Department



## BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

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This is the twelfth annual report of the Board of Appeals. During the year 1975 this Board conducted thirteen (13) public hearings where variances to the Zoning By-Law were sought by property owners in the Town of Dighton. Of these cases nine (9) were granted, two (2) denied, one (1) cancelled and one (1) was tabled.

Variances to the Zoning By-Law are issued by the Board when its members find undue hardship to the petitioner in failing to obtain a permit to build and when the granting of a variance does not materially or adversely affect the public or the abutting property owners.

Zoning regulations could not be successfully imposed if there were not provided some means of granting relief to owners of land from hardships that arise from the strict application of the law.

No matter how carefully the ordinances or by-law is drawn, there are bound to be cases in which literal application of the law deprives the owner of all, or almost all, beneficial use of his land.

The Board of Appeals shall have **all** of the **powers and duties** of the Board of Appeals under the applicable provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of the Dighton By-Law to **hear and decide** applications for exceptions and for special permits.

Respectfully submitted,

FROHMAN ANDERSON

JOSEPH LAWRENCE

WILLIAM JOHNSON

THOMAS WYNN

RICHARD ARRUDA

BOARD OF APPEALS

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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The Historical Commission working jointly with the BiCentennial Committee has progressed steadily toward the observance of the 200th Anniversary of the "Lives and Fortens" town meeting at which the townspeople in 1776 instructed Deacon George Coddington, their elected representative to the "Grate and General Court" as follow; "that if ye Honorable Congress Should for the Safty of the United Collonyes declare them Independent of the king of Grate Britton they the Inhabitants will Solomly Engage with there Lives and Fortens to Support them in the Measure".

This meeting will be held on May 20, 1976 in the auditorium of the Town Office building. To supplement this meeting there will be published a book listing all the 320 Dighton men who answered alerts, alarms, call ups and enlistments in the Continental Army and their service records. There were more than 400 answers of men to defend the Narragansett Bay area—Roxbury in 1776—Hull in 1776—and the marching to Bristol, Tiverton, Howlands Ferry and Pawtucket. The research of these men was done by Helen H. Lane, Town Historian; Elaine Varley, Dorothy Wells, Marjorie Walker and John Edward Silvia.

The narrative part of the book will show the action of Town Meetings during the war period in pledging and spending "there Fortens to Support them in the Measure". A special charpter will show the service of the Blacks and released "Servants" who answered the call for men in the War for Independence.

The Historical Commission is grateful to the Massachusetts BiCentennial Commission for a grant of \$600 toward the publication of this book.

The Commission met with a representative of the Massachusetts Historical Commission to consider the application of the Dighton Community (Unitarian) Church for registration in the National Historical Registry. This was denied on basis that churches do not qualify for registration. The



Commission is trying to establish a method by which the water front of Water and Pleasant Streets and Elm Street to Richmond Hill can be established and preserved as Historical Areas.

There is now available 12" x 24" engraved redwood signs made by the Dighton-Rehoboth Vocational School for placement on houses and locations that were in Dighton in the war period. Forty signs are now available for placement and more will be erected when exact locations are determined.

There is a vast amount of Dighton History recorded in the Town Records for the years 1773 to 1783. These records should be copied and printed to make them available for use in historical research. If this is done, the wear and tear on the original Town Record book will be reduced. We recognize that while these records have been microfilmed their availability is awkward.

The Commission is grateful to the many people who have given their time to help the Commission during the past year.

CHARLES W. HARRIS, Chairman

HELEN H. LANE

ELAINE B. VARLEY, Secretary

HELEN A. BROWN

DR. ROSE BORGES

ARTHUR C. STAPLES

ROBERT McGUIRK



## BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1975

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Several events and projects have taken place in Dighton during 1975 to observe the Bicentennial Celebration of our country.

The Dighton Community Church held a Bicentennial Service on October 26th to dedicate the carillons which were installed in 1975 as a Bicentennial project. Dighton residents will have the pleasure of hearing the bells ringing out familiar songs in 1976 and for many years to come. It is a most worthwhile addition to the lovely old historic church which dates back to Revolutionary times.

The Bicentennial Committee also sponsored two events. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rose were chairmen of the Dighton Heritage Ball held on October 11th at Gilbert Hall on Center Street. Although dress was optional, many who attended the ball were dressed in colonial costume. This and the attendance of many of the Taunton Minutemen added to the interest and the color of the Grand March. We are grateful to the Bristol County Commissioners for the use Gilbert Hall and to the Dighton Garden Club for their decorations.

Dighton Rock Grange and the Dighton Historical Society jointly sponsored a free Historical Exhibit in the Grange Hall November 9th and 10th. Many old interesting items were lent to us by Dighton families and others for the exhibit. We thank everyone who participated in any way. Some of the exhibits were antique chairs, a china doll, a sword used in the War of 1812, china which came over on an early ship, old bells, woodenware, houseware, quilts, books and pictures, and old family albums, as well as some documents relating to town affairs in the 1700's.

All during 1975, Miss Helen Lane, our town historian, researched volumes and books to obtain the names of Dighton's soldiers and sailors during the Revolution and the stories about them. The book, "They pledged their Lives and Fortunes," is about to go to press and should be available in the spring. Dighton has been awarded a grant of \$600.00

for work on this book by the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission. This grant was made possible by the efforts and success of the chairman to make Dighton a Bicentennial Community in 1974.

Future events for 1976 include the Re-enactment of the 1776 Town Meeting exactly 200 years later on May 20th, 1976, Dighton Day sponsored by the Dighton Lions Club and the Bicentennial Committee to be held in June and the Dighton Boat Parade to be held in August or September. Plans are also being made for an ecumenical concert to complete the Bicentennial events in November.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN A. BROWN, Chairman  
Dighton Bicentennial Committee

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

Mr. Roy Horton mowed the cemeteries about seven times this year, with exception of the Town Cemetery.

Extra work was done cutting trees and brush and removing rusted and broken iron pipe rails, in the Riverside Ave. Cemetery.

Work was done on three cemeteries back from the road. The Walker on Williams Street, Shubel Goff on Oak Street and the Fish on the east side of Smith Street.

A new fence was made for the Gooding Cemetery on Center Street.

The Commissioners wish to thank Mr. Horton for his cooperation and interest.

If Citizens should see anyone removing or damaging stones from any of the Cemeteries or the wall around them, please notify the Police or the Cemetery Commissioners.

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONS

EARL HATHAWAY

ELAINE VARLEY, Clerk

HELEN A. BROWN



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Board of Health has expended \$1,231.75 of the \$7,500.00 appropriated at the May, 1975 Town Meeting. This leaves a balance of \$6,268.25 for the period ending June 30, 1976.

Mr. Leo Duffy, Sanitation Inspector, inspected the locations of 32 Sanitation Permits and made inspections of 21 Food Service Establishments. He performed 48 Soil Tests for the year.

Mr. Donald French and Mr. John DeCambra, Plumbing Inspectors, made 69 inspections for new installations and replacements.

Dr. Charles M. Sousa and Mrs. Carolyn Booth, R.N., inoculated 92 Senior Citizens at a Flu Clinic sponsored by the Board of Health in conjunction with the Council on Aging.

Mrs. Booth tested 129 students and 22 personnel for T.B. On March 21, April 18 and May 16 a total of 433 immunizations were given for T.B., Polio, Measles, Rubella, Mumps, Tetanus and Diphtheria.

During the past year we have moved closer to meeting State requirements at the Landfill Area. We have constructed a building for the landfill attendant, initiated a program of rodent control from spring to fall, and have cleared an area for future use. State requirements also require an on site water supply and an engineering plan and we hope to accomplish these in the near future.

Although we have been able to limit the use of the Landfill Area to residents with the use of the Resident Identification Card, the volume of rubbish deposited on a weekly basis has increased over the last year. Because of this increased volume and because of the terrain of the area in which we are now dumping, we have had to purchase

additional cover material for the first time. We anticipate increased purchases of cover in the future.

Closer adherence to State requirements and increased volume have led us to reduce the expected life of the present landfill area to 2 or 3 years. We have been negotiating with the owners of abutting land for an area for expansion.

The Board of Health has, during the last year, received an increasing number of complaints of surface septic wastes. This is as a result of the high water table in town and the type of soil that requires additions to leaching areas after a period of time. Additional maintenance of the system or expansion are often the Boards recommendations.

The continuing problem of pollution from sewage in the North Dighton area is reported upon in the Board of Selectmen's report.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT F. FERREIRA

MYRNA D. ADAMS

EDWARD J. SANTOS

Board of Health



## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

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To the Townspeople of Dighton:

Dighton Civil Defense has continued to be active in Local, State and National radio and alert drills as required by the Office of Civil Defense.

Dighton's Civil Defense Radio Safety Patrol has been very active this year. This patrol helped maintain order at the Taunton Dog Track on Kiddies Day. They assisted motorists on Memorial Day and also directed the traffic for the parade. There were five mobile units that patrolled the town supplementing the Police force on the 3rd and 4th of July and also on Oct. 30 and 31 for Halloween. This Safety Patrol also patrolled D.R. High School on the night before the Thanksgiving Game to prevent vandalism.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Radio Safety Patrol for the excellent job they have done this year. The following men are members of this patrol: Joseph Medeiros, Jr., Bruce Woodcock, Kenneth Harwood, William Costa, Jr., Jerry Coelho, Arthur Perry, Joseph Kaszyk, and Stephen J. Kaszyk.

I also wish to thank my Radio Officer Emery Lincoln, the Town Officials, the Superintendent of Streets, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and their departments, Town Office personnel, the Communication Center personnel and every one who has helped in Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. GRACIA,

Director of Civil Defense



## PLAYGROUND COMMISSION REPORT FOR 1975

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To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Playground Commission hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1975.

In August 1975, Vic Viveiros resigned and moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The remaining members of the Commission would like to thank him for his time spent with the Commission. In October, Bill Ashcroft was appointed to fill Vic's vacancy.

The two existing dugouts at the North Dighton Playground have been repaired. Three new sandboxes were installed, one at each playground. We also installed 1 - 21000 lumen mercury vapor luminaire at the South Playground. The South Playground was graded and reseeded this past fall.

The summer program was expanded in 1975 to four supervisors, with Alan Peabody as a floater between playgrounds. A Kiddies Day at the end of our summer program was due to the dedication and hard work of our playground supervisors Nancy Clifford, Ann Booth, Cynthia Furtado and Alan Peabody. They set up programs for arts and crafts and athletic events. This commission would like to express their sincerest thanks to each of them for their part in the program.

Tennis lessons were offered this past spring and will be offered again this coming spring, hopefully with as large a turnout as before. We would like to express our thanks to Miss Joan Broadie for a job well done.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Skip Carr, the Dighton Police Department, Dighton Fire Department. A Special Thanks is given to Alfred (Brownie) Perry.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY SANSON

BILL ASHCROFT

SYDNEY SMITH

Playground Commission

**DOG OFFICER'S REPORT—1975**

Dog Bites	68	Dog Complaints	218
Dogs Killed By Cars	96	Dogs Found	78
Lost Dogs	94	Stray Dogs	138

**ANIMALS KILLED BY DOGS**

Sheep	3	Goats	1
Rabbits	11	Chickens	94
Pheasants	8	Ducks	10
Cats	5		

All complaints involving dogs were acted on. All owners of dogs that had bitten people were notified to restrain dogs for 14 days. Stray dogs were held for (7) days, then either returned to owners, sold, or disposed of. I received many complaints of dogs in rubbish. It is the duty of dog owners to keep their dogs out of their neighbor's rubbish, and restrain their dogs on pickup days. All dog owners are liable for any damage their dogs have done to Livestock, Fowl, or Property! The law requires that all dogs must be licensed every year, and receive Rabbits Shots every (2) years, and wear tags attached to a collar or harness.

Dog Licenses are available at the Town Office. All unlicensed dogs will be picked up at the expense of the owner! There are still a number of unlicensed dogs in the Town of Dighton. A special effort will be made to contact these owners to license their dogs or court action will result.

I wish to thank the Members of the Police Dept., Communication Center, and Town Office for their help and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE R. KATON,

Dog Officer

**DOGS LICENSED IN 1975**

Males	410
Females	69
Spayed	237
Kennels	18
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	734

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 1975—  
July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975—in the following schedules:

Balance Sheet—General Accounts

Receipts of General Cash

Disbursements of General Cash

Statement of Appropriations—General Accounts

Analysis of Surplus Revenue and Free Cash

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds

Receipts

Disbursements

Statement of Appropriations

Balance Sheet

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds

Trust and Investment Accounts

There is a temporary loan in anticipation of State reimbursement in the amount of \$17,154.00 outstanding as of June 30, 1975.

Free Cash as certified by the Bureau of Accounts as of July 1, 1975 is \$346,808.00.

Respectfully submitted,

DORIS B. HOPKINS,

Town Accountant



BALANCE SHEET  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
			\$
Cash		Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	23.00
On hand and in banks	\$ 850,184.16	Sale of Real Estate	500.00
Petty Cash Advance	23.00	Overlays Reserved for Abatements	
Accounts Receivable		Levy of 1972	200.20
Levy of 1972		Levy of 1973/74	4,805.30
Real Estate	\$ 200.20	Levy of 1974/75	24,610.19
Levy of 1973/74			29,615.69
Real Estate	4,362.55	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	170,375.96
Personal Property	442.75		
Levy of 1974/75		Revenue Reserved Until Collected	
Real Estate	23,462.19	Taxes in Litigation	7,757.40
Personal Property	1,148.00	Tax Title & Possession	7,750.99
		Motor Vehicle Excise	35,451.93
		Departmental	1,292.05
		Aid to Highways	107,045.93
Taxes in Litigation			159,298.30
Tax Titles & Possessions		Temporary Loan—Chap. 90 Construction	17,154.00
Tax Titles	1,974.70		
Tax Possessions	5,776.29	Tailings	
		Unclaimed checks	714.81

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Motor Vehicle Excise					
Levy of 1970	41.25				23.81
Levy of 1971	554.77				
Levy of 1972	439.90				
Levy of 1973	4,747.90				
Levy of 1974	6,423.05				
Levy of 1975	23,245.06				
				35,451.93	
Departmental Accounts Receivable					
Div. of Sanatoria & TB	1,027.05				
Board of Health	265.00				
				1,292.05	
Aid to Highways					
State & County				124,199.93	
Transfer from Chap. 825, Sect. 1 authorized				53,535.00	
Loans Authorized					
State share Chap. 765, Sect. 4				27,923.00	
Underestimates					
State Taxes & Assessments					
Mosquito Control Projects	280.19				
Special Educations	5,939.00				
				6,219.19	
Revenue—1976					
Spec. Town Meeting	54,463.80				
Annual Town Meeting	2,425,704.62				
				2,480,168.42	
Gifts & Bequests					
Police Programs					
Overestimates					
State Taxes & Assessments					
State Recreation Areas	185.40				
Air Pollution Control	65.20				
County Tax	7,367.94				
					7,618.54
Payroll Deductions					
Teachers Retirement	7.49				
Tax Sheltered Annuities	713.36				
Teachers Income Protection	105.12				
Group Insurance	2,602.50				
					3,428.47
Chapter 825, Section 1					
Loans Authorized & Unissued					
Agency					
Sale of Dogs	6.00				
Dog Licenses	306.20				
					312.20
Appropriation Balances					
Professional Service,					
Conservation	2,940.00				
Revaluation	2,043.51				
Historical Conservation Area					
Engineering & Legal Work	2,000.00				

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Transferred from  
available funds

369,143.53

2,111,024.89

Acquisition of Land 3,000.00  
Police Communication System 943.00  
Chapter 90 Construction 6,081.96  
Chapter 765, Section 4 36,018.35  
Williams St., land taking 5,023.92  
Maple Street layout 542.00  
Hart Street extension 5,000.00  
School—encumbered payroll 40,336.20  
School Needs Study 2,042.84  
Public Library heater 2,011.00  
Recreation Center 310.86

108,293.64

## Revolving Funds

School Lunch 4,393.29  
School—Industrial Arts 1,846.94  
Special Education Grant 1,857.43  
Gasoline Account 503.69

8,601.35

## Federal Grants

Title I 1,442.56  
Title II 93.91  
Title III 662.11

2,198.58

Appropriation Control—1976

2,315,704.62

SURPLUS REVENUE

376,424.26

\$3,254,977.23

\$3,254,977.23



## ANNUAL REPORT

## RECEIPTS OF GENERAL CASH

Fiscal Year 7/1/74 to 6/30/75

## TAXES

## REAL ESTATE

1972	\$ 1,708.43	
1973/74	24,373.95	
1974/75	1,195,151.78	
	<hr/>	\$1,221,234.16

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

1972	42.90	
1973/74	138.00	
1974/75	72,784.66	
	<hr/>	172,965.56

## MOTOR VEHICLE

1971	12.38	
1972	1,064.49	
1973	18,128.68	
1974	144,192.87	
1975	54,114.57	
	<hr/>	217,512.99

## INTEREST ON TAXES

Real Estate	2,552.15	
Personal Property	57.38	
Motor Vehicle	225.87	
	<hr/>	2,835.40

## TAX TITLE REDEMPTIONS

256.25

## INTEREST ON TAX TITLES

9.01

**DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE**

Dighton-Berkley Bridge	167.96	
Veterans Benefits	7,881.44	
Board of Health/soil tests	565.00	
Highway—storege tank rental	300.00	
	<hr/>	8,914.40

**AID TO HIGHWAYS—State**

Chapter 81 Maint. M/A 9540	14,569.00	
Chapter 90 Construction	6,598.52	
Chapter 825 Section 1	26,767.00	
	<hr/>	47,934.52

**AID TO HIGHWAYS—County**

Chapter 90 Constrtuction		4,299.26
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**COUNTY OF BRISTOL**

Dog Fund	1,172.60	
Care & Boarding of Dogs	1,126.00	
Court Fines	685.00	
Witness Fees	228.64	
Parking Fines	9.00	
Bristol County TB refund	24.96	
	<hr/>	3,246.20

**SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	23,744.42	
Schools	30,564.89	
	<hr/>	54,309.31

<b>JUNIOR HIGH/Industrial Arts</b>	719.60
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<b>PROCEEDS—DOG LICENSES</b>	1,961.75
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**REFUNDS & RECOVERIES**

Police Dept.—gasoline	1.25
Police Dept.—insurance claims	1,670.90

Ch. 824 of 1974—County	7,367.94	
Group insurance dividend	6,904.00	
Life insurance dividend	517.00	
Communications Center—refund	8.00	
Town Office—refund	230.00	
Town Clerk—refund	7.20	
Veterans Benefits—refund	56.00	
School Dept.—refund	60.01	
Refund—New England Telephone	1.11	
Highway Dept.—insurance claims	711.90	
Highway Dept.—sale of truck	151.27	
Petty Cash Advance—COA	50.00	
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		17,736.58

**AGENCY ACCOUNTS**

County Retirement	17,000.33	
Federal Tax	134,792.10	
State Tax	39,537.63	
Teachers Retirement	27,059.19	
Teachers Income Protection	861.56	
Tax Sheltered Annuities	5,264.10	
Dues		
Street Dept.	384.00	
Police Dept.	325.20	
Teachers	3,767.00	
Deferred Compensation	2,516.63	
Collector's Fees	854.00	
Sale of Dogs	30.00	
Contributory Group Insurance		
Employee deductions	16,126.46	
Receipts for Grp. Ins.	1,561.28	
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		250,079.48

**INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS**

Charles Chase—School Fund	35.00	
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	684.50	
200th Anniversary Fund	111.78	
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		831.28



**GIFTS & BEQUESTS**

Trust Fund Bequest	400.00	
Police Department	50.00	
Senior Citizens Party	317.68	
	<hr/>	767.68

**FEDERAL GRANTS**

Title I	10,042.00	
Title II	1,466.96	
Title III	494.89	
	<hr/>	12,003.85

**TEMPORARY LOANS**

Anticipation of Reimbursement (Chp. 81—Highway)		17,154.00
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**INVESTMENT OF GENERAL CASH**

Matured	2,500,000.00	
Interest earned	17,935.58	
	<hr/>	2,517,935.58

**CHAPTER 733—OFF DUTY WORK DETAIL**

Police	31,675.50	
School	201.28	
	<hr/>	31,876.78

**LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES**

Gravel	100.00
Building permits	1,568.00
Building inspections	285.00
Occupancy permits	60.00
Plumbing	480.00
Sanitation	155.00
Electrical	454.00
Gasoline storage	3.00
Sausage	5.00
Auctioneer	17.00
Common Victualler/Food	30.00

Common Victualler/All Alcohol	2,000.00	
Class I M/V	20.00	
Class II M/V	40.00	
Class III M/V	20.00	
Temporary B & W	88.00	
Lord's Day entertainment	82.00	
Lord's Day sale	33.00	
Milk Store	10.00	
Milk Vehicle	28.50	
Food Service	134.50	
Denatured Alcohol	4.00	
Oleo	3.00	
Camp & cabin	1.00	
Package Store—Wine & Malt	100.00	
Package Store—All Alcohol	400.00	
Oyster Bed	65.00	
Hearings	161.16	
Raffle	43.00	
Pistol Permits	960.00	
F.I.D. cards	740.00	
License to sell	30.00	
Gas renewal	.50	
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		8,120.66

### MISCELLANEOUS

Town coins	21.00	
Town booklets	2.00	
Town histories	135.00	
Bicentennial Books	23.65	
Street listings & maps	31.75	
Toll Calls—misc.	2.71	
Photocopies	26.80	
Cert. of municipal liens	90.00	
Surplus Property	139.70	
Zoning booklets	35.25	
Toll Calls—School	3.32	
Library fines	87.10	
Road Machinery	635.20	
Insurance Reports	177.00	
TGAI Office expense	500.00	
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		1,910.48

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

School Aid Chp. 70	347,716.50	
Prior years school aid Chp. 70	20,015.63	
Spec. Education Chp. 69 & 71	28,718.00	
School Trans. Chp. 71	58,474.21	
Outside school trans. Chp. 74	8.00	
Reg. School District Chp. 71	37,559.32	
Voke—Chp. 74	1,725.00	
Handicapped Chp. 58-18A	1,518.23	
Spec. Ed. Grant—Chap. 773	25,031.00	
Public Libraries	1,750.13	
COA—Elder affairs	1,000.00	
Gas Tax Chp. 81-31	51,213.36	
Loss of Taxes	5,810.00	
Local Aid Fund—lottery	39,387.97	
Misc.	3.46	
	<hr/>	619,930.81

**TRANSFERS**

From Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	
For Police Dept. appropriation	69,020.20

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS GENERAL CASH</b>	<hr/>	<b>\$5,283,565.79</b>
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<b>CASH BALANCE 7/1/74</b>	<hr/>	<b>647,367.28</b>
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## DISBURSEMENTS OF GENERAL CASH

Fiscal Year 7-1-74 to 6-30-75

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## Selectmen

Salaries	\$ 3,200.00	
Telephone	452.88	
Supplies, printing, postage	277.52	
Dues, travel	341.66	
Building Inspector	1,322.98	
Recreation Center	500.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,095.99

## Town Accountant

Salary	7,124.00	
Supplies, printing, postage	246.87	
Dues, meetings, mileage	190.29	
Binding	68.76	
Equipment & Equip. service	547.90	
	<hr/>	8,177.82

## Town Clerk

Salary	2,800.00	
Clerical salary	2,618.00	
Supplies, printing, postage	326.74	
Telephone	182.00	
Dues, meetings, mileage	344.81	
Equipment service	81.66	
Microfilming	461.00	
Misc.	105.00	
	<hr/>	6,919.21

## Town Collector

Salary	4,000.00
Clerical salary	2,926.00
Supplies, printing, postage	2,128.87
Telephone	184.46
Dues, meeting, mileage	84.64

Equipment service	136.66	
Misc.	138.35	
	<hr/>	9,598.98

**Town Treasurer**

Salary	2,700.00	
Assistant Salary	2,236.00	
Part-time clerk	875.27	
Supplies, printing, postage	1,210.27	
Telephone	180.84	
Dues, meetings, mileage	115.28	
Equipment service	96.45	
Misc.	33.50	
	<hr/>	7,447.61

**Assessors**

Salaries	7,688.00	
Clerical Salary	5,460.00	
Telephone	241.10	
Supplies, printing, postage	441.61	
Dues, lunches, mileage	1,238.97	
Transfers from Registry	101.30	
Data process & service	407.10	
Binding & updating maps	826.96	
Equipment & repairs	362.03	
	<hr/>	16,767.07

**Tax Title Expense** 829.35

**Finance Committee** 45.00

**Board of Appeals** 115.97

**Election & Registration**

Registrars	500.00
Street listing	1,212.04
State Census	1,150.13
Election workers	686.00

Police & custodians	311.54	
Clerical expense	75.00	
Supplies, printing, postage	502.07	
Misc.	83.44	
	<hr/>	4,520.22

**Planning Board**

Dues	30.00	
Assessment to SRPEDD	700.05	
Postage, supplies	13.50	
Delegates expense	101.53	
Maps & printing	5.00	
	<hr/>	850.08

**Town Office Account**

Clerk typist salary	6,136.00	
Printing Town Report	1,901.80	
Advertising	335.17	
Supplies, printing, postage	991.81	
Equipment maintenance	540.40	
Misc. & repairs	20.26	
Historian expense	22.98	
Moderator	100.00	
Misc. expense, travel, process	1,034.12	
Tree Warden salary	100.00	
	<hr/>	11,182.54

**Town Counsel**

Legal fees, reference		3,446.60
Conservation Commission		112.99
Land Use Study		4,000.00
Engineering & legal work—		
Segreganset River Historical		
Conservation area		1,000.00
Tax Titles Due Districts		
Dighton Electric Light	7.34	
Dighton Water	71.20	
	<hr/>	78.54
Revaluation		343.00



**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****Police Department**

Salaries	74,139.94	
Shift Differential	1,171.80	
Extra duty	12,616.96	
Secretary/Policewoman	6,240.00	
Course allow. & longevity	2,075.00	
	<hr/>	96,243.70

Clothing allow.	1,398.60	
Dues, meetings, mileage	220.00	
Gas & oil	5,708.92	
Supplies, printing, postage	894.82	
Equipment & repairs	6,175.03	
Lock-up fees	74.20	
Misc.	383.48	
	<hr/>	111,098.75**

\*\*75,000.00 of this amount transferred from  
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds

**Off Duty Work Details**

Police	31,945.50	
School	417.64	
	<hr/>	32,363.14

**Electrical Inspector**

436.00

**Ambulance**

Wages	1,900.00	
Supplies	90.75	
Gasoline & oil	251.32	
Repairs	273.20	
New Equipment	120.95	
Laundry	22.25	
Training	75.00	
	<hr/>	2,733.47

**Fire Department**

Wages	14,545.00
Buildings	

Utilities	3,210.96	
Repairs	277.38	
	<hr/>	3,488.34
Telephone		462.54
Radio		360.75
Gasoline & oil		1,242.86
Truck repair		1,322.07
Office & postage		214.60
Dues & meetings		236.25
Hose & equipment		5,587.60
Training & Fire prevention		72.50
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		27,532.51
<b>Hydrant Rental</b>		1,740.00
<b>Dog Officer</b>		
Salary	500.00	
Expenses	2,117.50	
	<hr/>	2,617.50
<b>Care of Town Elms</b>		1,260.82
<b>Insect Pest Control</b>		520.50
<b>Shade Tree Account</b>		491.50
<b>Civil Defense</b>		
Director's salary	600.00	
Telephone	90.00	
Equipment & repairs	227.34	
Supplies & postage	37.00	
Electricity & fuel	56.95	
Surplus Property	312.70	
Misc.	15.00	
	<hr/>	1,338.99
<b>Communication Center</b>		
Salaries	18,470.12	
Telephones	1,603.45	

Supplies	127.74	
Radio check	85.55	
	<hr/>	20,286.86

**HEALTH AND SANITATION****Board of Health**

Salaries	2,000.00	
Animal Inspector	250.00	
Nursing service (T.V.N.A.)	534.33	
Misc. supplis & expenses	1,255.92	
Vital statistics	173.00	
Soil tests	560.00	
Plumbing Inspector	450.00	
Sanitation Inspector	500.00	
	<hr/>	5,723.25

**Care of Town Dump**

Wages	2,236.02	
Maintenance	9,738.37	
	<hr/>	11,974.39

**Mosquito Control** 400.00

**Rubbish Collection Contract** 26,433.00

**HIGHWAYS****Street Department**

Wages	53,724.97	
Materials	635.18	
Equipment rental	2,790.50	
Street lights	539.78	
Suppliers, repairs	1,494.94	
Traffic control	175.07	
Fencing & guardrails	430.93	
Removal of dead trees	738.01	
Snow Removal		
Equipment	2,945.38	
Material	3,234.14	
Labor	3,342.24	
	<hr/>	9,521.76



Building			
Utilities	2,509.53		
Telephone	440.95		
Supplies	293.18		
		3,243.66	
Gravel Roads		4,729.81	
Mowing		140.00	
			78,164.61
<b>Road Machinery</b>			
Gasoline & oil		4,175.98	
Parts & repairs		3,906.22	
			8,082.20
<b>Chapter 81 Maint. M/A #9540</b>			
Labor		7,409.20	
Material		2,515.23	
Equipment		585.20	
			10,509.63
<b>Chapter 765 Section 4—M/A #28610</b>			7,504.65
<b>Chapter 90 Construction M/A #27966</b>			22,040.00
<b>Chapter 90 Constr.—Williams St.</b>			
M/A #25972		1,075.66	
M/A #24761		400.00	
M/A #27223		195.85	
			1,671.51
<b>Chapter 90 Constr. M/A #27547</b>			
Labor		2,876.00	
Material		1,126.03	
Equipment		330.00	
			4,332.03
<b>Sidewalk Maintenance</b>			1,444.00
<b>Brush Control</b>			582.20
<b>Maple Street Layout</b>			153.00
<b>Dighton-Berkley Bridge</b>			
Tender's salary		754.24	
Power & Misc.		41.33	
Repairs & Maintenance		63.80	
			859.37

Maple Street Construction	5,000.00
Maple Street Construction	1,977.63
Town Roads—Article 25 ATM 1974	7,570.00
Highway Maintenance Account	10,424.80

## VETERANS' SERVICES

### Veterans' Benefits

Salary of Agent	1,166.00	
Cash	17,561.53	
Medical & fuel	6,234.84	
Travel, dues, meetings	102.00	
Supplies, postage	12.32	
	<hr/>	25,076.69

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

### School Dept.

General Control	34,293.92	
Teachers salaries	569,286.07	
Janitors salaries	32,243.58	
Health	6,449.41	
Food Service salary	1,500.00	
Transportation	76,041.68	
Books & Library	11,350.03	
Utilities	30,171.90	
Janitors supplies	6,453.20	
Misc.	730.67	
Supplies	12,345.36	
Staff expense	1,680.72	
New Equipment	11,480.01	
Repairs & Maintenance	44,783.52	
Household Arts	292.65	
Industrial Arts	914.42	
Audio-visual	1,088.36	
Tuition AM & PM	3,116.20	
Music	1,767.02	
Programs w/other systems	2,343.84	
	<hr/>	848,332.56

<b>School Dept. Encumbered Funds</b>		27,138.70
<b>Relocatable Classrooms</b>		18,433.00
<b>Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District</b>		629,779.65
<b>Cafeteria</b>		
Salary	20,955.98	
Food	32,588.32	
Pest Control	56.00	
Misc.	241.44	
	<hr/>	53,841.74
<b>Title I Funds</b>		10,110.60
<b>Title II Funds</b>		1,373.05
<b>Title III Funds</b>		744.48
<b>Chapter 766 Special Education Grant</b>		9,939.57
<b>Public Library</b>		
Salary	3,300.00	
Custodian	260.00	
Assistant	204.25	
Furniture	504.85	
Books & Magazines	1,600.92	
Utilities	473.09	
Supplies	49.58	
Repairs	212.66	
Telephone	146.96	
Dues & meetings	72.50	
	<hr/>	6,824.81
<b>RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED</b>		
<b>Playground &amp; Recreation</b>		
Care of Grounds	473.00	
Maintenance of playgrounds	2,146.80	
Electricity & Maintenance		



Tennis Courts	397.06	
New Equipment	716.21	
Summer Program	342.32	
Instructor's salary	750.00	
Misc.	21.54	
	<hr/>	4,846.93
<b>Memorial Day Observance</b>		225.50
<b>Veteran's Building Maintenance</b>		600.00
<b>Civic Center</b>		
Light & Water	55.58	
Fuel	407.60	
Repairs & Maintenance	35.00	
	<hr/>	498.18
<b>Gasoline Account</b>		10,798.76
<b>Contributory Group Insurance</b>		
Appropriated		
Boston Mutual Life	978.88	
OME Standard	1,626.66	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	14,918.12	
	<hr/>	17,523.66
<b>Employee Deductions</b>		
Boston Mutual Life	877.68	
OME Standard	1,006.98	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	14,167.80	
	<hr/>	16,052.46
<b>Receipts for Group Insurance</b>		
Boston Mutual Life	57.04	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	1,495.92	
	<hr/>	1,552.96

**Town Insurance**

Bonds	913.00	
Police & Firemen	2,338.04	
Fire	8,522.95	
Vehicle	5,179.43	
Fire & Theft	545.83	
Workmens Comp.	3,686.97	
General Liability	2,993.00	
Public Official Errors and Omissions	1,888.00	
	<hr/>	26,067.22

Insurance Reimbursement Acct. 299.50

Tuitions (Educational Courses) 85.00

State Pension Reimbursement 956.71

Historical Commission 200.00

**State & County Taxes and Assessments**

County Retirement Assessment	23,136.00	
County Tax	84,403.94	
State Recreation Areas	18,759.67	
Audit Municipal Accts.	6,415.22	
Air Pollution Control	121.77	
Mosquito Control	4,968.19	
M/V Excise Bills	646.95	
State Assessment System	189.72	
	<hr/>	138,641.46

**Council on Aging**

Office Supplies & Equipment	7.43	
Expendable Supplies (food, etc.)	918.01	
Entertainment	10.00	
Health Equipment	614.24	
Petty Cash	50.00	
	<hr/>	1,599.68

**200th Anniversary Celebration**

Appropriated funds invested	200.00	
Expenses	111.78	
	<hr/>	311.78

**Prior Year Bills**

Course Allowance	100.00	
Street Dept.	214.00	
Electrical Inspector	314.00	
	<hr/>	628.00

**Christmas Party—Senior Citizens** 317.68

**Gifts & Bequests—Police Dept.** 26.19

**Cemeteries—Public Property** 750.00

**AGENCY & TRUST—REFUNDS & TRANSFERS****Trust Funds—Interest**

Cemeteries Perpetual Care	684.50	
Director, Bristol Aggie	35.00	
	<hr/>	719.50

**Trust Funds—Bequests**

Taunton Savings Bank (Horton-Paull)	200.00	
Taunton Savings Bank (Bennett Lot)	200.00	
	<hr/>	400.00

**Agency Accounts**

County Retirement	17,000.33
Federal Tax	134,792.10
State Tax	39,537.63
Teachers Retirement	27,372.25
Teachers Income Protection	938.91
Tax Sheltered Annuities	5,402.16



Deferred Compensation	2,516.63	
Union Dues		
Street	384.00	
Police	325.20	
Teachers	3,767.00	
	<u>4,476.20</u>	232,036.21
Collectors Fees	854.00	
Dog Licenses	1,924.15	
Dog Sales	60.00	
	<u>2,838.15</u>	
<b>Refunds</b>		
1972 Motor Vehicle	77.56	
1973 Motor Vehicle	305.07	
1974 Motor Vehicle	1,350.64	
1975 Motor Vehicle	130.07	
1972 Real Estate	910.15	
1974-75 Real Estate	1,824.54	
	<u>4,598.03</u>	
Investment of General Cash		2,500,000.00
Chapter 81 Loan		14,569.00
Interest on Chapter 81 Loan		378.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<u>\$5,091,932.89</u>
Less transfers within accounts		11,183.98
<b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<u>\$5,080,748.91</u>
<b>CASH BALANCE 6/30/75</b>		850,184.16
		<u>\$5,930,933.07</u>

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974-75

	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/75
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Selectmen	\$ 6,800.00		\$6,095.99	\$704.01	
Town Accountant	8,149.00	\$28.82*	8,177.82		
Town Clerk	7,203.00		6,919.21	283.79	
Town Collector	9,581.00	17.98*	9,598.98		
Town Treasurer	9,021.00		7,447.61	1,573.39	
Tax Title Account	1,700.00		829.35	870.65	
Tax Possession Account	100.00			100.00	
Assessors	16,824.00		16,767.07	56.93	
Finance Committee	30.00	15.00*	45.00		
Election & Registration	4,050.00	1,200.00*	4,520.22	729.78	
Planning Board	10,185.00		850.08	9,334.92	
Board of Appeals	300.00		115.97	184.03	
Town Office	11,086.00	716.00*			
		230.00	11,182.54	849.46	
Industrial Commission	150.00			150.00	
Conservation Commission	300.00		112.99	187.01	
Town Counsel	5,000.00		3,446.60	1,553.40	
Segreganset River Historical Conservation Area					2,000.00
Engineering & Legal Work	3,000.00		1,000.00		3,000.00
Acquisition of Land	3,000.00				
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY					
Police Department	36,893.00		36,098.75	794.25	
Police Communications	943.00				943.00

	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/75
Town Ambulance	2,585.00	250.00*	2,733.47	101.53	
Fire Department	27,078.00	454.51*	27,532.51		
Hydrant Rental	1,740.00		1,740.00		
Insect Pest Control	542.01		520.50	21.51	
Shade Tree Account	500.00		491.50	8.50	
Care of Town Elms	2,000.00		1,260.82	739.18	
Civil Defense	1,750.00	139.70	1,338.99	550.71	
Dog Officer	3,000.00		2,617.50	382.50	
Electrical Inspector	1,500.00		436.00	1,064.00	
Communications Center	20,200.00	128.66*			
		8.00	20,286.86	49.80	
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Board of Health	10,750.00		5,723.25	5,026.75	
Care of Town Dump	14,000.00		11,974.39	2,025.61	
Mosquito Control	400.00		400.00		
Rubbish Contract	29,166.00		26,433.00	2,733.00	
HIGHWAYS					
Highway Department	96,660.00		78,164.61	18,495.39	
Road Machinery	10,000.00		8,082.20	1,917.80	
Center & Main St. (force acct)	6,000.00				6,000.00
Williams Street Construction	18,523.00				18,523.00
Highway Maintenance Acct.	10,424.80		10,424.80		
Chapter 765 Maintenance	19,000.00		7,504.65		
Brush Control	600.00		582.20	17.80	
Sidewalk Maintenance	1,500.00		1,444.00	56.00	
					11,495.35



	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/75
Dighton-Berkley Bridge Maint.	1,200.00		859.37	340.63	
Maple Street Construction	5,000.00		5,000.00		
Construction/Reconstruction—Town Roads	22,400.00		13,370.00	9,030.00*	
VETERANS SERVICES					
Veterans Benefits	29,966.00	56.00	25,076.69	4,945.31	
SCHOOLS & LIBRARY					
School Department	916,749.00		888,668.76	28,080.24	
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District	629,779.65		629,779.65		
Public Library	6,864.54		6,824.81	39.73	
Relocatable Classrooms	18,433.00	18,433.00			
RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED					
Playground & Recreation	4,925.00		4,846.93	78.07	
Memorial Day Observance	200.00	25.50*	225.50		
Reserve Account Appropriated	15,000.00		3,415.69	11,584.31**	
Civic Center Maintenance	860.00		498.18	361.82	
County Retirement Assessment	23,136.00		23,136.00		
Veterans Building Maintenance	600.00		600.00		
Town Insurance	25,488.00	579.22*	26,067.22		
Contributory Group Insurance	18,000.00		17,523.66	476.34	
Tuitions	450.00		85.00	365.00	
State Pension Reimbursement	1,000.00		956.71	43.29	
Interest on Rev. Loan	5,000.00		378.00	4,622.00	

200th Anniversary Celebration	200.00	200.00		
Council on Aging	1,671.50	1,549.68		121.82
Historical Commission	200.00	200.00		
Prior Year Bills	628.00	628.00		
Cemeteries—Public Property	750.00	750.00		
	<u>\$2,140,734.50</u>	<u>\$3,849.30</u>	<u>\$1,991,972.28</u>	<u>\$110,650.26</u>
				<u>\$41,961.35</u>

*From Reserve	90,035.95 to Revenue
Fund	* 9,030.00 to Highway
	** 11,584.31 to Overlay
	<u>110,650.26</u>

## ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS REVENUE

Balance 7/1/74	\$277,880.69
Amount added 7/1/74 - 6/30/75	<u>12,407.51</u>
	290,288.20
Amount deducted 7/1/74 - 6/30/75	<u>126,038.55</u>
	164,249.65
1975 Revenue	<u>212,174.61</u>
Balance 6/30/75	\$376,424.26

## FREE CASH

Surplus Revenue		\$376,424.26
Less Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1972	\$ 200.00	
Levy of 1973/74	4,805.30	
Levy of 1974/75	<u>24,610.19</u>	<u>29,615.69</u>
		\$346,808.57

FREE CASH AS CERTIFIED 7/1/75	\$346,808.00
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Town of Dighton  
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1975

ASSETS

Cash

Transfers from P.L. 92-512 authorized

Transfers from P.L. 92-512 authorized

(1976)

\$ 42,795.32

2,886.46

LIABILITIES & RESERVES

Appropriation Control - 1976

Appropriations Authorized

Public Library

Fire Alarm System

366.18

2,520.28

2,886.46

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

P.L. 92-512

110,000.00

42,795.32

\$155,681.78

\$155,681.78

Town of Dighton  
TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS  
June 30, 1975

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer

\$173,591.80

In Custody of Treasurer:

School Fund:

Charles S. Chase

Cemetery Funds:

Joshua Bliss

Perpetual Care

\$ 6,970.97

13,329.24

20,300.21

Investment Funds:

200th Anniversary

Stabilization

316.01

151,596.57

151,912.58

\$173,591.80

\$173,591.80

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS—Fiscal Year 1974-75

Police Department	\$75,000.00	75,000.00	
1974 Police Vehicle	6,584.00	6,570.56	**
1974 Highway Dept. Pickup	2,900.00	2,500.00	**
Library Improvements	5,000.00	4,633.82	366.18
Updating Fire Alarm System	5,600.00	3,079.72	2,520.28
	\$95,084.00	\$91,784.10	\$2,886.46
			413.44
			\$3,299.90

\*\*Balance returned to P.L. 92-512

## FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Fiscal Year 1975

## RECEIPTS

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds P.L. 92-512	\$ 70,265.00
Invested Funds Matured	350,000.00
Interest on Invested Funds	3,963.01
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Total Cash Received	\$424,228.01
Cash Balance 7/1/74	96,004.41
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	<u>\$520,232.42</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

New 1974 Fire Truck	\$ 34,000.00
Updating Fire Alarm System	3,079.72
Revaluation	1,653.00
1974 Police Vehicle	6,570.56
1974 Highway Dept. Pickup	2,500.00
Library Improvements	4,633.82
Police Department	75,000.00
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Invested	350,000.00
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Total Cash Disbursements	\$477,437.10
Cash Balance 6/30/75	42,795.32
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	<u>\$520,232.42</u>



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

of the

# **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

of the Town of

# **DIGHTON**

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**Year Ending June 30, 1975**

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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	Term Expires
Charles E. McKenna, Chairman 2136 Pleasant St., Dighton	1978
Robert S. McConville, Secretary 860 Prospect St., N. Dighton	1977
Wallace A. Wood, Financial Secretary 1392 Pine St., Dighton	1978
Henry Descoteaux 316 Forest St., N. Dighton	1977
Maynard F. Horton, Jr. 251 Walker St., N. Dighton	1976
Mrs. Marilyn Lopes 519 Old Somerset Ave., N. Dighton	1977
Nicholas Santore Rebecca Rd., N. Dighton	1976

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Robert T. Roy, B.S., Ed.M.  
 Residence: 313 Forest Street, North Dighton  
 Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, Dighton  
 Telephone: (Office) 252-4500, 252-6833  
 (Home) 822-7323

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. and by  
appointment.

### **ADMINISTRATOR OF BUSINESS**

James P. Horton

### **OFFICE STAFF**

Nancy J. Goulart, Office Manager  
 Joan M. Reed, Secretary  
 Anne H. McLean, Secretary

### **SCHOOL PHYSICIAN**

Charles M. Souza, M.D.

### **SCHOOL NURSE**

Carolyn M. Booth, R.N.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. Kindergarten registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least five years of age or who will become five years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

### Birth Certificates

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a birth certificate.

### Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against smallpox, diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles and polio or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable. Children entering school for the first time are required to have a physical examination also.

## NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Elementary, Junior High School and Kindergarten

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school, the notice will be broadcast over Radio Stations WPEP, Taunton, WSAR, Fall River, WPRO, Providence, and WARA, Attleboro.

### High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated, there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing, the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for elementary school.

## TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended



or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved by School Committee  
1975 - 1976

#### DIGHTON

##### Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools

School Opens September 3, 1975

Closes December 23, 1975 76 days

School Opens January 5, 1976

Closes February 13, 1976 29 days

School Opens February 23, 1976

Closes April 15, 1976 39 days

School Opens April 26, 1976

Closes June, 1976 36 days

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Total 180 days

#### SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

October 13, 1975—Columbus Day

November 5, 1975—Teachers' Convention

November 11, 1975—Veteran's Day

November 27 and 28, 1975—Thanksgiving Recess

January 15, 1976—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

April 16, 1976—Good Friday

May 31, 1976—Memorial Day

## STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Appropriation		\$916,749.00
General Control	\$ 37,706.97	
Transportation	50,995.18	
Teachers' Salaries	489,641.62	
Books	9,016.24	
Supplies	14,260.34	
Janitors' Salaries	33,545.74	
Fuel	18,842.55	
Electricity	9,993.94	
Gas	777.53	
Music	1,653.02	
Janitors' Supplies	7,274.68	
Miscellaneous	3,999.50	
Repairs	42,268.88	
New Equipment	13,271.05	
Household Arts	292.65	
Industrial Arts	897.33	
Tuition Day & Evening	3,218.80	
Programs With Other Districts	2,957.88	
Kindergarten	34,762.44	
Special Education	72,956.22	
Encumbered Payrolls	40,336.20	
	<hr/>	\$888,668.76
Returned to Town		28,080.24
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		\$916,749.00

## NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 7-1-74 thru 6-30-75	\$888,668.76
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Receipts, 7-1-74 thru 6-30-75	
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General State Aid, Chapter 70	\$377,671.13
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Transportation	58,474.21
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Sp. Ed., Chapter 766	53,749.00
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Vocational Ed., Chapter 74	1,733.00
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Miscellaneous Receipts	64.44
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Net Cost to Town	\$396,976.98
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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my twenty-first annual report as superintendent of the schools in Dighton. Incorporated herein are the reports of the principals and the school nurse.

### Space and Enrollment

The October 1, 1975, enrollment showed an increase of four pupils over the October 1, 1974, enrollment. The junior high enrollment increased by fourteen pupils and the elementary school decreased by ten pupils. The increase is not significant except for the fact that the space problem we had last year is still with us. At the elementary school a trailer was added to the main building. This provided space for small groups of special students who formerly met in the hallways. This represents the extent of any relief in the overcrowdedness reported last year.

We still need space for regular classrooms, art rooms, music rooms, library space and physical education facilities at both schools. We also need space for industrial arts, home economics and science at the junior high school.

Prospects of improving the situation look doubtful at this time as the town has a sewer problem and there is a need for space for other town departments.

### Personnel

There were two changes in teaching staff at the elementary school. Mrs. Helena Chamberlain and Mrs. Stella Horrocks both retired as teachers. The retirements brought about requests for transfers. Miss Karen Vatcher transferred from grade one to grade four and Miss Nancy Durfee from grade three to grade one.

Miss Jane Gonsalski, who had worked as an instructional aide in Berkley, was hired to teach grade three. Mrs. Alice Lopresti, a Title I teacher in Dighton, replaced Mrs. Horrocks as fourth grade teacher. At the junior high, Mr. Louis Silvia, a C.E.T.A. employee teaching mathematics with the seventh

grade team, was hired as a full time teacher. These changes represented the smallest change in many years with only one person new to the system.

### **Budget**

At the time of this report the School Committee is working on the 1976-77 budget. The master contract with the teachers settled last summer for a period of two years calls for a salary increase of seven percent for 1976-77.

In the area of repairs, replacing the boiler and making adjustments to the entire heating system at the junior high could cost \$65,000. The windows should be replaced at a cost of \$8,800.

Special education requirements lend to large increases in the cost of this program. Requests for increase in faculty and tuition and transportation to special schools represent the major cost factors.

It is the goal of the committee to come up with a budget that will satisfy needs and represent the smallest increase possible.

### **Administration**

Mr. Rodbert Colby, the Administrator of Elementary Education, left School Union #37 in June. The principals of the three largest elementary schools in Berkley, Dighton and Rehoboth along with the superintendent have worked as a team carrying out the duties of the office.

The Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials is working with the local administrators to find ways to improve the business management of the schools in Union #37. We expect to have the results of this study by April.



## Retirements

Again this year three members of the staff retired. In addition to the retirement of Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Horrocks, Mrs. Grace French retired as cafeteria manager.

Mrs. Helena Chamberlain had taught in Dighton since 1961. Prior to that she taught in Freetown and also served as librarian in the Dighton Library. Mrs. Chamberlain was well liked by teachers and pupils. In her quiet mild manner, she was able to do a great service for her pupils. We wish her a long happy retirement and thank her for all she did for the children of Dighton.

Mrs. Stella Horrocks had taught in Dighton for eleven years. As her family was growing up she completed her high school and college education and after graduating from Bridgewater State College, she came to Dighton as an elementary teacher. Mrs. Horrocks spent a great deal of time working with individuals and was concerned with the progress of each pupil. We hope that she has been able to recover from her illnesses and will enjoy her retirement.

Mrs. Grace French was a member of the original cafeteria staff that took over the preparation of lunches in 1951. In 1971, she replaced Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt as cafeteria manager. She was very popular with both faculty and students and did a good job preparing menus that were pleasing to all.

Now that she has joined her husband, Edward, in his retirement, we know they will have a great time traveling and we wish them the best. These three fine people will be missed by all of us.

## Conclusion

I wish to thank all teachers, cafeteria workers, custodians, and secretaries for their hard work to make our schools go.

Mr. Philip Dyer and Mr. Leo T. Wontkowski, the principals, have spent many hours seeking ways to improve the school programs and facilities. We appreciate their efforts.



I would also express my appreciation to the School Committee for their interest and the time they have given to help our schools.

To the parents and citizens, I say thank you for your support and please keep up your interest in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,

Superintendent of Schools

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy  
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby submit my ninth annual report as principal of Dighton Junior High School.

### Enrollment

Our present enrollment is 322 students, an increase of 11 students over last year's enrollment.

### Curriculum and School Program

This year the grade 7 team was provided with a large group instruction area on the second floor. This renovation is already paying dividends through the flexibility that is offered the staff. We now have large group accommodations for grades 6 and 7.

Our team teaching program has made significant progress toward two goals—improvement of student morale, and greater communication between the staff and parents. Student attitudes have been significantly improved by heterogeneous grouping which was completed in all grades this year. Likewise, we began parent conference sessions this year and our first program was very successful. Also, the enthusiasm of the staff continues to lead the way toward providing the best possible education program for the town's junior high students.

### Extra Curricular Activities

We continue this year with all the activities provided in the past. In this regard, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Philip C. Dyer, Principal of the Dighton Elementary School, in behalf of our intramural program.

### Personnel

Our staff consists of nineteen full-time teachers, four full-time instructional aides, one full-time teacher aide, and two part-time teacher aides. New staff members are Miss Barbara Macdonald, instructional aide in grade 8; Mr. Joseph C. Harrington, Jr., instructional aide in resource room; and Mr. David Sullivan, instructional aide in grade 6.

### Conclusion

I would like to thank the Dighton School Committee for their whole-hearted support during this period of change. This backing, which has been reinforced by the help and guidance of the Superintendent of Schools, Robert T. Roy, and the Administrator of Secondary Education, Joseph C. Harrington, has played a most significant part in the progress that we have made.

The staff of the Junior High deserves the highest commendation for the high degree of professionalism that they bring to their assignments. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with such a group.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO T. WONTKOWSKI,

Principal



## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I hereby submit my second annual report as principal of Dighton Elementary School.

### Enrollment

Our combined student enrollment as of October 1 was 591. The enrollment in the Kindergarten housed in portable classrooms behind the Junior High was 90. The enrollment in grades one through five was 501.

Although at present we have sufficient number of classrooms many are overcrowded, the Kindergarten location is inappropriate, and we lack space for some of our special subjects.

### Curriculum and School Program

During the coming year we will complete the update of the reading and math texts. In the area of Science we are piloting new science materials partially funded with money from a federal grant. The response to these materials on the part of the teachers, students, and their parents has been highly positive. The social studies revision was enacted in the fourth and fifth grades. In the 1976-77 school year we anticipate expanding the program to accommodate the kindergarten through third grade.

The Title I Program, "ZAP", has been refunded by the federal government providing primarily reading instruction to approximately twenty-five students. The program is now directed by me working with Mrs. Curneen and the parent advisory council.

The Special Services Program has been expanded to comply with Chapter 766 of the state laws.

### Personnel

Our entire staff consists of the most conscientious and dedicated people with whom I have had the good fortune to work. In the areas of special programs the school is ex-

tremely fortunate to have such an excellent staff. I have found the entire staff willing to examine changes to determine the advantages and disadvantages of making a change.

New staff members this year are: Mrs. Lopresti, Grade Five; Miss Gonzalski, Grade Three; Miss Karbowski, Instructional Aide, Grade Two; Miss Borges, Instructional Aide, Grade Four; Miss Tremaglio, Instructional Aide, resource room; and Mrs. Mignacca, School Adjustment Counselor.

### **Appreciation**

In conclusion, my thanks go to the Dighton School Committee for approving the new programs which we adopted this year. The support of Mr. Roy, Superintendent of Schools, is gratefully acknowledged.

To the entire staff I express my deepest respect and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP C. DYER,

Principal

**REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE**

Mr. Robert T. Roy

Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy,

The annual report of the health program conducted for the Dighton Schools for the 1974-75 school year follows—Enrollment 918, Kindergarten through Grade 8.

**Visual Tests:**

908 Students were tested by Titmus Optical tester.

47 Students failed this test and were referred to eye specialists.

42 New referralls were completed.

5 Students were being followed.

**Audio Tests:**

908 Students were tested for hearing accuracy by Maico Audiometer.

15 Students failed and were referred to ear specialists.

6 Referrals were completed.

9 Students are still under care.

**Physical Examinations**

Grades 1, 4, and athletic physicals.

194 Students were examined by Dr. Charles Souza.

27 Students were referred to their family physicians for further evaluation.

19 Referrals were completed.

Since children entering public kindergarten are now required to have complete physicals before enrolling, Grade One will be dropped from the yearly screening program, Grade Four will be screened and Grade Seven physicals moved up to Grade Eight.



**Tuberculin Tests:**

9/27/74—129 Students in Kindergarten, Grade One and new students were tested.

All tests were negative.

22 Personnel in the schools received Mantou tests.

1 Person reacted positively—all others were negative Chest Plate on positive reactor—negative.

On state recommendation our previous schedule for tuberculin screening each year in Grades 1, 4 and 7 has been changed to Kindergarten and new enrollees in the system.  
**Immuization Program:**

Complete immunization was again offered to all Dighton children at three spring clinics held at Dighton Elementary School. Results follows:

3/21/75—Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, (D.P.T.)  
Diphtheria, Tetanus (D.T.), Polio, and Trivalent, Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccines.

D.P.T.	17
T.D.	88
Polio	137
Tr.MMR	63
Total Immunization	305

4/18/75—D.P.T.	4
T.D.	88
Polio	9
To.MMR	10
Total Immunization	111

5/16/75—D.P.T.	3
T.D.	3
Polio	7
Tr.MMR	4
Total Immunization	17

Again my sincere thanks and appreciation to the administration, the school personnel and the parents. Your cooperation and assistance enables me to maintain a complete health program for our students.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN M. BOOTH, R.N.

## ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1975

Grade	Enrollment
K	90
1	99
2	102
3	103
4	92
5	105
6	116
7	110
8	99
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TOTAL	916



# DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY—December 31, 1975

## Dighton Elementary School

### ANNUAL REPORT

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Name	Home Address	Education	Appt'd.
<b>Principal</b>			
Philip C. Dyer, M.Ed.	3 Pinewood Lane, Plymouth	Northeastern University	1974
<b>Faculty</b>			
David G. Avila, B.S.	101 Sagamore St., New Bedford	Bridgewater State College	1973
Louise C. Borges, B.S.	567 Wiinthrop St., Rehoboth	University of Rhode Island	1974
Wendy H. Cute, B.A.	15 Bennet St., Taunton	Ohio Wesleyan	1974
Mary M. DeMello, B.S.	1928 County St., Dighton	Lowell State Heach. Col.	1964
Nancy L. Durfee, B.S.	631 Gray Terrace, N. Dighton	Murray State College	1962
Kathy A. Fischer, B.A.	14 Randall St., No. Easton	Arizona State University	1973
Jane E. Gonzalski, B.S.	321 Swanee Dr., N. Dighton	Westfield State College	1975
Dolores C. Johnson, A.B.	Mill St., Assonet	Salve Regina College	1965
William F. Kelleher, A.B.	16 Wing Ave., Assonet	St. Mary's College	1971
Joan LaFrance, B.S.	488 Spring St., N. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1968
Helen M. Lane, B.S.	1278 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	New Britain Teachers' Col.	1968
Alice Lopresti, B.S.	13 Broadway, Raynham	Bridgewater State College	1973
Carolyn H. Melesky, B.S.	Box 180, Grove St., E. Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1966
Carol L. Stafford, B.S.	130 N. Walker St., Taunton	Roger Williams College	1972
Valerie J. Stares, B.A.	71 Barrows St., Norton	Wheaton College	1974
Donna Lee Sunderland, B.S.	800 County St., Taunton	So. Conn. State College	1970
Cheryl Szostek, B.A.	193 Waterman Ave., E. Providence	Anna Maria College	1970
Susan L. Thomson, B.S.	1286 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Bridgewater State College	1972
Karen Vatcher, B.A.	3½ Beacon St., Attleboro	University of Massachusetts	1970
Pamela S. Walton, B.A.	28 County St., Rehoboth	S. M. U.	1973
Karen Yegidis, B.S.	130 N. Walker St., Taunton	Rhode Island College	1971
Donna Zasmuta, B.A.	2792 Elm St., Dighton	Mt. St. Mary's College	1973

Name	Home Address	Education	Appt'd.
<b>Principal</b>			
Leo T. Wontkowski, M.Ed.	992 West St., Attleboro	Bridgewater State College	1967
<b>Faculty</b>			
Joan L. Broadie, M.Ed.	110 Shawmut Ave., Somerset	Wichita State University	1973
Salvatore L. Caiozzo, A.B.	11 Westwood Manor Dr., Johnston	Providence College	1971
Richard C. Carney, B.A.	10 E. Britannia St., Taunton	Pembroke State College	1970
Elizabeth Cummings	525 Main St., Dighton	Mod. Sch. of Fashion Design	1970
Elizabeth W. Davis, M.A.	44 Algonquin Rd., Rumford	Rhode Island College	1968
Linda Ferreira, B.S.	348 Lincoln Ave., N. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1972
Mary Isidorio, B.S.	5 Washington St., Assonet	S. M. U.	1972
John Masciarelli, B.A.	1376 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Boston University	1966
James McClellan, B.A.	59 Oak St., Taunton	Providence College	1971
Raymond J. Medeiros, B.A.	17 Ron Circle, Taunton	Providence College	1969
Elizabeth J. Meunier, B.A.	87 Washington St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1970
John S. Needs, B.A.	7 South St., Taunton	University of Massachusetts	1961
Judith Parker, B.A.	RFD #1, Bay View Ave., Berkley	Bridgewater State College	1972
Wallace R. Potts	76 Forsythia Lane, Cranston	Rhode Island College	1966
Thomas M. Sherlock, Jr., M.Ed.	36 Garden Ave., Somerset	Rhode Island College	1971
Louis Silvia, Jr., B.A.	34 Waverly St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1975
Frederick B. Stinson, Jr., B.S.	90 Thatcher Brook Cir., Attleboro	Bridgewater State College	1970
Charles W. Wakefield, M.Div.	783 Locust St., Raynham	Boston University	1973
Eunisa G. Wordell, B.S.	1458 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Boston University	1963
<b>Administrator of Secondary Education</b>			
Joseph C. Harrington, M.S.	School St., Rehoboth	University of Massachusetts	1972
<b>Elementary Music Supervisor</b>			
Barbara L. Wallace, B.M.	Elm St., R.D. #1, Taunton	Boston University	1966



Name	Home Address	Education	Appt'd.
<b>ESEA Title I</b>			
Katherine Curneen, B.S.	9 Water St., Middleboro	Bridgewater State College	1973
<b>Special Educational Services</b>			
<b>Director</b>			
Russell F. Latham, M.Ed.	16 Williams St., Rehoboth	Bridgewater State College	1965
<b>Part Time Instructors</b>			
J. Carol Angus, B.S.	33 No. Main St., Assonet	Bridgewater State College	1975
Sandra Cleveland, B.S.	103 Hart St., Taunton	N.Y. State University	1974
George E. Costa, Jr., M.Ed.	2 Clarendon St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1972
Howard DeBeck, B.A.	42 Lakewood Dr., N. Attleboro	S. M. U.	1974
Dayle Grace, B.A.	81 Williams St., Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1975
Richard Lawson, M.A.	2 Davis St., Rehoboth	Rhode Island College	1972
Patricia Mello, B.S.	213 Brownell St., New Bedford	University of Massachusetts	1974
Gail C. Mignacca, M.Ed.	19 Birchwood Dr., Johnston	Rhode Island College	1974
Corinne M. Pridham, M.A.	19 Roslyn Ave., Providence	Rhode Island College	1974
Robert W. Otto, B.M.	Brookhaven Dr., Attleboro	Ithaca College	1972
Peter Polk, B.A.	113 Freeman St., Norton	University of Massachusetts	1969
Jeffrey B. White, B.S.	13 Crescent Rd., Pawtucket	Univ. of Bridgeport	1974
<b>Elementary Secretary</b>			
Mary Perry	1433 Pine St., N. Dighton		
<b>Junior High Secretary</b>			
Marion Parchesco	1224 Main St., Dighton		
<b>Secretaries, Director of Special Services</b>			
Lois B. Munroe	9 Perryville Rd., Rehoboth		
Joyce Grassie	6 Ralsie R., Rehoboth		



Name	Home Address	Education	Appt'd.
Secretary, Administrator of Secondary Education			
Doris A. Reed	11 Jeffrey Lane, Assonet		
Teacher Aides			
Eugenia Andrade	1549 Wheeler St., N. Dighton		
Jean Coelho	613 School St., N. Dighton		
Barbara A. Deane	23 Kirk Ter., N. Dighton		
Eleanor Dupont	2447 County St., Dighton		
Della Hathaway	463 Hart St., Dighton		
Virginia Peterson	1543 Cedar St., Dighton		
Alice Souza	1679 Elm St., Dighton		
Instructional Aides			
Ellen Borges, B.S.	93 High St., Assonet	Bridgewater State College	1975
Sara Bottomley, B.A.	162 Dean St. Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1974
Marshall J. Cadorette, B.S.	2 Main St., Somerset	Bridgewater State College	1975
Ann Marie Emerson, B.A.	113 First St., Pawtucket	Rhode Island College	1975
Joseph C. Harrington, Jr., B.A.	54 School St., Rehoboth	Univ. of Massachusetts	1975
Patricia Karbowski, B.A.	40 Ferncrest Dr., Pawtucket	Univ. of Rhode Island	1975
Maria Kijek, B.A.	2100 Phillips Rd., N. Bedford	S. M. U.	1975
Barbara Macdonald, B.S.	40 Central Ave., Seekonk	Barrington College	1975
Diane Rasmussen, B.S.	814 Prospect St., N. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1974
David T. Sullivan, B.A.	24 Simpson Lane, Assonet	Bridgewater State College	1975
Dorothy Torres	227 Summer St., N. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1972
Andrea Tremaglio, A.B.	12 Carol Ave., Brighton	Boston College	1975

Appt'd.

Education

Home Address

Name

**Cafeteria Personnel**

Louise G. Gomes, Mgr.	2050 Somerset Ave., Dighton
Carolyn Barboza	3397 Sharps Lot Rd., Dighton
Nancy M. Carleton	1341 Smith St., Dighton
Viola Cotter	1150 Center St., Dighton
Barbara H. Mesrobian	2959 Pleasant St., Dighton
Jean Pacheco	1111 Center St., Dighton
Lois B. Pacheco	507 Brook St., Dighton
Mary F. Perry	Box 34, Dighton
Thelma Pierce	251 Main St., Dighton

**Custodians**

William G. Raposa	Hart St., Dighton
Edmond Richard	250 Rose Ter., N. Dighton
Edward Torres	306 Tremont St., N. Dighton
John White	670 Main St., Dighton

## REPORT OF THE DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This is the sixteenth annual report of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

### Enrollment

The enrollment on October 1, 1975, numbered 1,145 pupils representing an increase of twenty-three pupils over the same period a year ago. The numbers are still too large for certain areas of the building and the overcrowding creates severe maintenance problems.

In the spring of 1975 twelve citizens, six from each town, and two faculty members were appointed to study the building and enrollment problem. This committee reported back last September and recommended that new building be considered only after tuition pupils, Berkley for the most part, have been dropped. They recommended that beginning in September, 1976, only the seniors from Berkley be allowed to remain at Dighton-Rehoboth. They also recommended that some cutback in staff take place at that time and that the school committee look into additions in the core areas.

After reviewing the report the school committee decided that all Berkley pupils in Dighton-Rehoboth in September, 1975, should be allowed to graduate. This means that with increased numbers coming to the high school from Dighton and Rehoboth, the enrollment will remain around 1,140 pupils for the next three years. There will be little relief before September, 1979, and if the present trend of increase in grades five, six and seven in the local schools continues, it could be into the 1980's before there will be a downward trend. The problem still remains to be solved.

### Educational Program

We have been able through various means of scheduling to offer a program that meets the needs of most all of our students. Cutting back the staff as suggested by the study



committee could curtail our offerings to the extent that the needs of several pupils could not be met.

The School Committee during the next year will be governed by their decision.

### Faculty

In June we lost six members of the faculty; two English teachers, one each from Spanish, science, mathematics and social studies. Two of these people were married and are now living in Europe. The four others accepted positions at some distance from Dighton-Rehoboth.

Fortunately, we were able to fill these vacancies with teachers of equal experience. Some of them proved to be very valuable additions not only in their academic field but in extracurricular activities as well.

We have a very fine faculty and we are proud of their accomplishments.

### Finances

The 1976-77 budget has not been finalized at this time. The Regional Committee has been working on the budget with the administrators. The Committee signed a two-year master contract with the teachers during the summer of 1975. The salary increase for 1976-77 arrived at in the contract is just under seven percent. This increase coupled with increases in repairs and need for new equipment and increased special education services makes budgeting quite difficult. The Committee expects to trim the budget requests downward so that the final gross budget will represent a six to six and one half percent increase. Utilities which showed a sharp increase in 1975-76 have leveled off near the figures of that year. Transportation was bid for a three-year contract in the spring of 1975 and the committee signed a contract with H. & L. Bloom that represented a slight increase in transportation costs.

### Retirement

In September, 1975, Mr. Howell S. Carr retired as head custodian at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. He had

served in that position since the school was being built in the spring of 1960. He had previously served as head custodian of Dighton High School.

The good condition of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School today is directly attributable to Mr. Carr's fine efforts. Despite the overcrowding and the lack of respect on the part of some people, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School is in very good condition after sixteen years when compared to schools built in the last five to ten years.

Mr. Carr gave many many hours of his time to making the school a better place to work in. He was always pleasant to work with despite his nickname of "Growl". I found him most cooperative and he worked well with his men.

We shall miss him but we wish him a long and happy retirement as he travels about the U.S.A., a pastime he enjoys a great deal.

To all the staff—teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers and office personnel, we say thank you for your efforts during 1975.

The administrators, Mr. Marshall Sawyer, Principal; Mr. George Petrin, Assistant Principal; Mr. Francis Marcille, Assistant Principal and Director of Occupational Education; and Mrs. Nathan Lawrence, Vocational Director, all deserve praise for the way they have worked to provide programs and classrooms for all the pupils.

I wish to thank the Dighton-Rehoboth School Committee for their support in our solving of the many problems.

To all parents and citizens of Dighton and Rehoboth, I urge you to support us when we call on you for help. Take time to visit Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School and see what goes on here and what our needs are.

We thank you for your support in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,

Superintendent of Schools



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975**

**Expenditures**

**CAPITAL COSTS**

Bond Retirement	\$110,000.00	
State Aid	\$68,335.83	
Appropriation	41,664.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 110,000.00
Interest on Bond Expenditures	\$ 24,190.00	

**OPERATING COSTS**

Item No.

1000 Administration	\$ 34,241.64	
2000 Instruction	1,029,256.75	
3000 Other School Services	174,791.33	
4000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant	183,713.81	
5000 Fixed Charges	112,511.79	
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	36,719.25	
9000 Programs with Other District	13,892.11	
Special Education Program	61,218.15	
Vocational Day Program	140,381.03	
Evening School Program	900.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,787,625.86

**Receipts**

State Reimburse.—Transportation	\$157,074.77	
Tuitions	215,046.61	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Ch. 69, 71, Special Education	29,559.00	
Ch. 74, Sec. 9, Vocational	47,430.00	
Bristol Cty. Treas.—B/C-B/S Dividend	10,356.00	
Bristol Cty. Treas.—Group Ins. Dividend	587.00	
Other	2,397.71	
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Net Operating Cost		\$1,325,174.77



## FEDERAL AID

## National Defense Education Act

## Title II

Balance, July 1, 1974	\$ 596.38
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Receipts	1,385.07
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	\$1,981.45
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Expenditures	1,980.19
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Balance, June 30, 1975	\$ 1.26
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## National Defense Education Act

## Title III

Balance, July 1, 1974	\$ 816.00
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## National Defense Education Act

## Title IV

Balance, July 1, 1974	\$1,102.50
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## Vocational Education—Occupational (P.L. 90-576)

Balance, July 1, 1974	\$ 35.86
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## Vocational Education—Work Study (P.L. 92-318)

Balance, July 1, 1974	\$1,731.00
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Receipts	3,478.00
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	\$5,209.00
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Expenditures	5,209.00
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## U.S. Grant—George Barden Funds

Balance, July 1, 1974	\$ 500.34
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## Cooperative Production—Work Study Program

Balance, July 1, 1974	\$14,417.14
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Receipts	29,825.00
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	\$44,242.14
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Expenditures	43,266.82
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Balance, June 30, 1975	\$ 975.32
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### OPEN MEETING LAW—CHAP. 39, SEC. 23A

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least forty-eight hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

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The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

The School Committee meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Dighton Elementary School.

The Planning Board regularly meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Office Building.

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#### Telephone Numbers:

Ambulance: 669-6767

Assessors Office: 669-5043

Dog Officer: 823-3828

Fire Department: 669-6767

Police Department: 669-6711

Public Library: 669-6421

School Nurse: 824-4491

Selectmen's Office and Board of Health: 669-6431

Town Accountant: 669-6011

Street Department: 669-5461

Veteran's Agent: 823-1234

Welfare Assistance (Comm. of Mass.): 823-2571

